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## Yes, there is a market for restoration projects

ast weekend, Yvette VanDerBrink of VanDerBrink Auctions hosted the "barn find" type of sale that has become her trademark. In little Beardsley, Minn., on Aug. 10, she auctioned more than 250 barn finds from the estate of the late James Graham, and the world took notice — myself among them.

Most of the cars in Graham's collection were 1950s and '60s cars, many of them older restorations or nice originals that Graham had stored in buildings on his farm, some of which he occasionally used. Among those Graham apparently rarely used was a 1961 Cadillac Coupe deVille last licensed in 1977. Being a solid and intact car that appeared to have been well-stored, the Cadillac looked like an "easy restoration" project (if there is such a thing). It also looked very solid, especially for a Minnesota car. Since I was really looking for a "bubble top" 1961 Cadillac Coupe deVille when I bought my 1962 Cadillac Coupe deVille 25 years ago, I thought maybe it was time for a change. This might be a chance to get the car I originally wanted.

One of the trends in the hobby that fellow gearheads talk about these days is the lack of people interested in restoring cars. With that in mind, I thought the non-running 1961 Cadillac in the VanDerBrink Auctions sale might sell at or even below market price. After convincing my wife that the '61 Cadillac could possibly be an affordable replacement for our '62 Cadillac, we bid on the '61. I further rationalized the purchase by telling her that I would be conservative in my bidding because if we didn't like the '61 as much as the '62, we could resell it and come out even, if not ahead. (I conveniently left out the fact that I bought the '62 Cadillac to flip, but it hasn't gone anywhere for the last couple decades.)

Former *Old Cars* auction editor Ron Kowalke was on site to cover the sale for *Old Cars*, and AACA VP of public relations Tom Cox was also present. I asked each gentleman to check out the 1961 Cadillac the day before the auction. Both gave it their thumbs up and I entered an online bid. And was then promptly outbid. In the end, the car sold for \$9,500 — double the

Old Cars Report Price Guide No. 5 price (\$4,500) and still almost \$2,000 above the No. 4 price of \$7,800 for a running car!

Early reports from Kowalke and Cox indicate the sale was gangbusters overall; a No. 4 1961 Oldsmobile Starfire convertible sold for \$30,000 against the \$8,600 *OCRPG* value, and a 1959 Chevrolet El Camino in No. 4 condition sold for \$31,000 against a \$19,000 *OCRPG* value estimate.

Sure, I am disappointed we didn't get the 1961 Cadillac, but I am happy to see the market is strong for restoration projects. It proves the naysayers wrong, and it keeps me out of the doghouse from justifying owning 1961 *and* 1962 Cadillacs.

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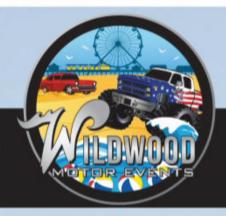
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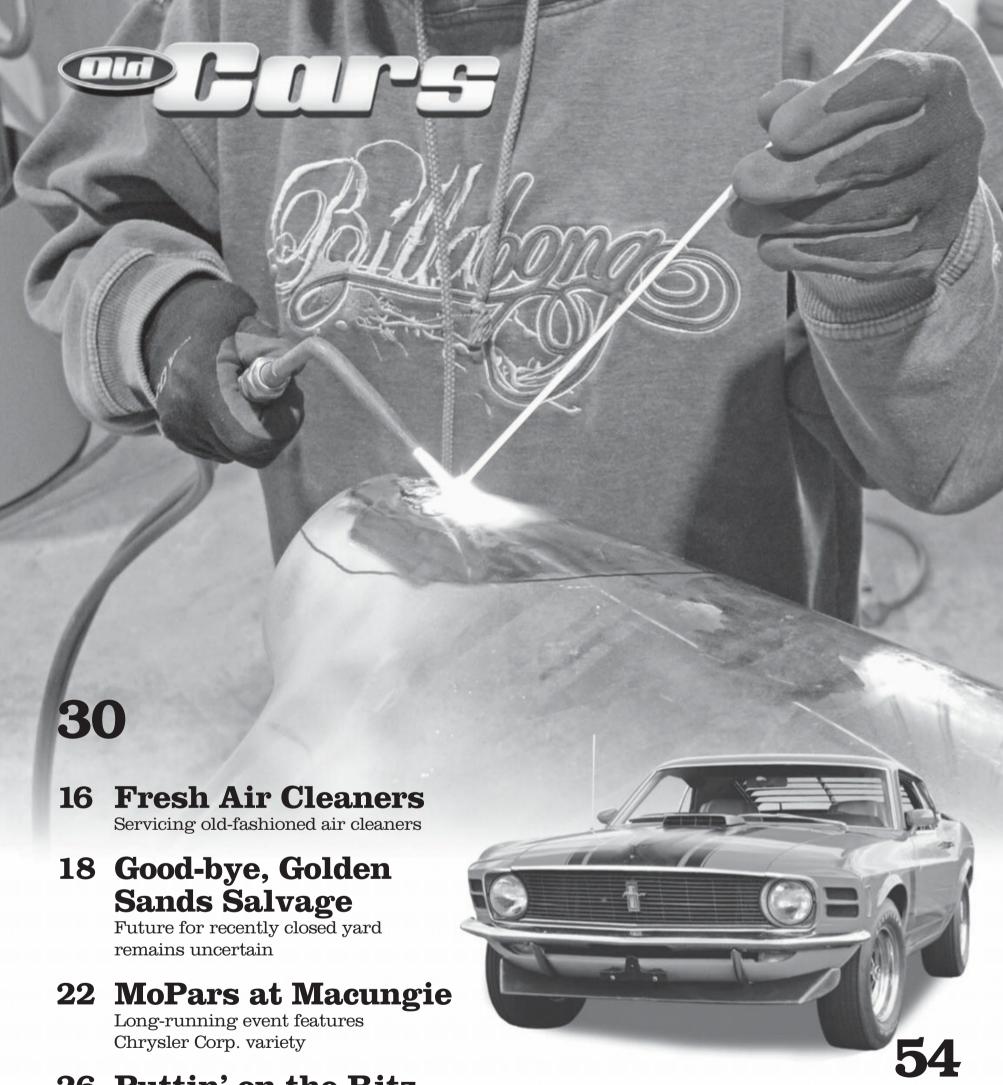
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### Sound Your Horn



#### A rainbow of Sun Valley Mercs

In the March 7 issue of *Old Cars*, there is an article showing a Mercury Sun Valley in black with a white top. I believe this is not a color combination that the factory produced on this model of



car. I also believe the left front door post would list the color or colors in which that car was painted when new; if you check the door post, you can verify whether one or two color codes are listed.

In a Feb. 19, 1954, bulletin issued by Ford Motor Co., there was a note to all dealers that Mercury would offer special-order availability for Sun Valleys in black, white or green. There was no indication of any two-tone special-order option in these colors.

I once had one of the dealer bulletins, but it has gotten away from me. However, since I have owned an all-black Mercury Sun Valley since 1983, I've been interested in them as collector cars for more than 30 years. My Sun Valley is original and unrestored, and has been awarded the Historic Preservation of Original Features by the Antique Automobile Club of America, and they determined my car was more than 80 percent original and unrestored.

I've been a subscriber to *Old Cars* for many years and look forward to receiving it each week. The articles and pictures

are always interesting, and I think you and your staff for helping to sustain the hobby.

Norman F. Abston, Willard, Ohio

Editor's note: Indeed, the owners of the 1954 Mercury Sun Valley featured in Old Cars elected to paint their car black and white during an earlier restoration, which was briefly mentioned in the article. Mr. Abston was kind enough to send a photocopy of the original multi-page bulletin featuring the Sun Valley, which we have scanned and posted to www.oldcars weekly.com. To view the bulletin on www.oldcarsweekly.com search "1954 Mercury Sun Valley."

#### Showing off the new-for-'49 Fords

The article and photos from Jim Burwell showing the new 1949 Fords in the July 18 *Old Cars* brought back my own memories of the new '49 Fords. My dad, Phil Miller, owned and operated Miller Motor Sales, the Ford agency in Upland, Ind., just a few miles from Jim Burwell's Elwood location. Dad received two '49 cars for the new car "showing." We kept them hidden in the basement garage at our home in Upland.

Special friends were taken down to our basement to see the cars before the showing. The night before the showing, the cars were driven the five blocks, in the dark, to the dealership and put in the showroom for the public showing the next day.

The "stands" under the rear axle of the car in the show-room pictured in Burwell's images look just like the ones that we used in our garage until my dad passed away in 1968. They were made from Model T rear ends that had been unbolted and each half of the rear end was used as the base; the axle shaft housing was split and the ends were used to form a base for axle housings. They were very solid and safe.

Ed Miller, Upland, Ind.



Donald Hein is hard to miss when he rolls down the streets of Bethlehem, Pa., behind the wheel of his glorious 1974 Chrysler New Yorker. This isn't your average '74 New Yorker; it's the St. Regis model that the factory fancied up with the nose from an Imperial and fitted with a "St. Regis" vinyl top. Hein has added aftermarket Cragar gold-spoked wire wheels.



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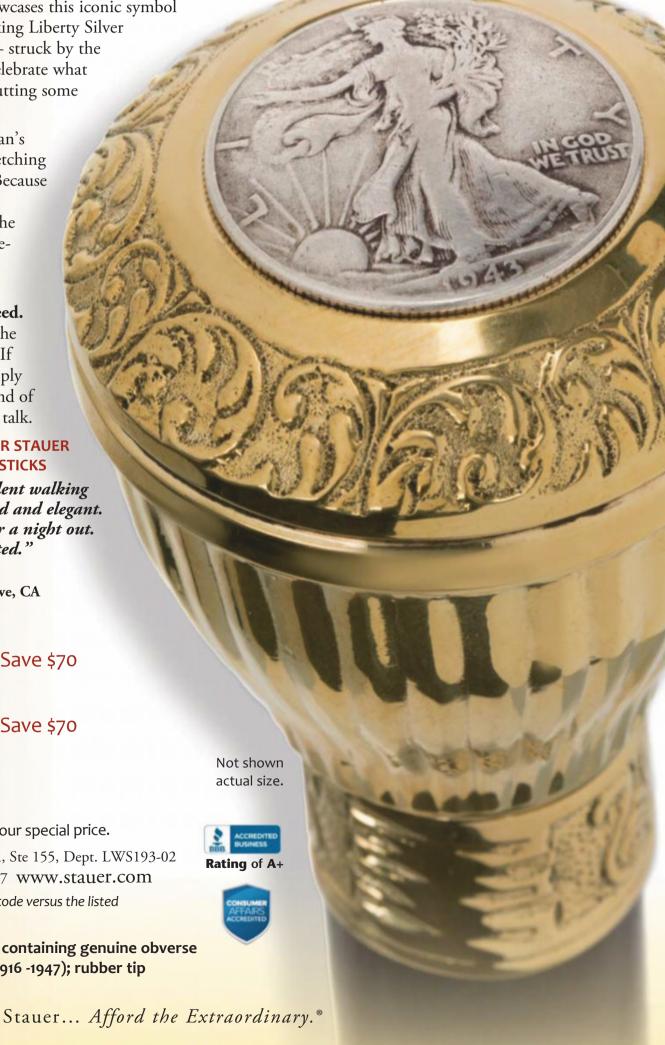
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More than 150,000 spectators are expected to attend. The event will include about 7,000 assigned spaces. Visitors can shop freely between the automotive flea markets outside the track and the flea market inside.

Friday and Saturday are always the busiest days of Charlotte AutoFair. Wednesday is a vendor set-up day and is not open to the public. Gates open for vendors at 7 a.m. each day Thursday thru Sunday. Gates open to the public at 8 a.m. daily. Tickets are available each day until 5 p.m., and Sunday until about noon. Flea market activity may continue until sundown – the public is not required to leave when ticket sales stop.

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#### Mecum Denver sale tops \$10m mark

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### The Scoop

### Meurer Collection anchors impressive RM lineup

AUBURN, Ind. \_ RM Auctions will have plenty of high-class iron on hand at its annual Auburn Fall sale Aug. 29 to Sept. 1, and one of the biggest highlights will be the cars of the The Ed Meurer Collection. Standouts within the collection include two rarities boasting unique histories, the 1938 Chrysler Custom limousine by LeBaron and the 1958 Imperial Crown limousine by Ghia.

Powered by an inline eight-cylinder engine married to a manual transmission, the Chrysler limousine was ordered new by Joseph P. Kennedy, father of President John F. Kennedy, and used in London between 1938 and 1940 while he served as U.S. Ambassador to Great Britain. Fitted with a host of exterior and interior options and finished in attractive dark green, the custom limo would shine in any American Classic or prewar motor car collection. One of only 31 built, the 1958 Imperial Crown limousine by Ghia is believed to have been purchased new by the prominent Eaton family of Toronto, owners of Eaton's department store chain. Personal friends of the British royal



family, the Eatons often hosted Queen Elizabeth II on her visits to North America. Other highlights include a 1935 Packard Twelve convertible with coachwork by Rollston; a 1931 Auburn Phaeton; 1937 Cord 812 Beverly; 1930 Cadillac V-16 Seven-Passenger Imperial Sedan; a 1956 Continental Mark II; a group of Ford woodie station wagons; and cars from Chrysler's letter car series.

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as 358 vehicles changed hands during this two-day event. Topping the high-seller list was a sleek resto-modded 1957 Ford Thunderbird with a modern Ford 5.0L/412-hp Coyote V-8 that sold for a total of \$181,500. In spot No. 2 was a B5 Blue 1970 Plymouth Superbird that brought \$165,000. Rounding out the Top 10: a 2016 Jaguar F Type Project 7 at \$143,000; 1956 Chevrolet Corvette convertible, \$143,000; 1970 Plymouth Superbird, \$129,800; 1956 Chevrolet Nomad, \$110,000; 1964 Plymouth Hemi Savoy "Lightweight," \$110,000; 1966 Chevrolet Corvette coupe, \$107,250; 1986 Ferrari Testarossa, \$106,700; and 1969 Ford Mustang Mach 1 fastback, \$94,600.

#### '61 Corvette involved in fatal wreck

LYONS, Wis. \_ A motorist from Illinois was killed Aug. 5 when he lost control and crashed his 1961 Chevrolet Corvette on a state highway near Lake Geneva. Allan Lukasz, 81, of Mount Prospect, died in the crash that occurred about 9:30 a.m. Monday on Highway 12. According to police reports, Lukasz was alone and lost control of the vehicle and went into a ditch, where the car rolled over. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

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## Wreck of the Week

A 1958 Pontiac Chieftain and 1961 Mercury Comet station wagon flipped for each other. It's hard to tell what happened here. It was a sunny Pennsylvania day with no apparent weather or road hazards, yet somehow these two machines wound up upside-down and leaking all over the road.



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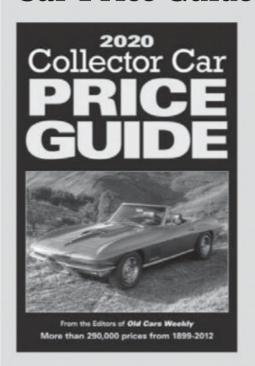
#### 'Elvis Roadster' finally for sale



LOS ANGELES \_ Kruse GWS Auctions, the entertainment and music memorabilia auction house known for the sale of unique Elvis Presley-owned items, will sell the hot rod known as the "Elvis Roadster" at the Hard Rock Cafe in Hollywood on Aug. 31. The hot rod is a one-owner car and has never been offered for sale publicly or privately, according to the auction house. The car has twice been on display at the Smithsonian and exhibited at the Petersen Automotive Museum and the National Hot Rod Museum. It was featured prominently in the 1957 film "Loving You," Elvis Presley's first starring role. Hot-rodding pioneer John Athan designed and built the car. Presley reputedly wanted to buy it, but Athan refused to sell it to him. Athan, who died in 2016, and his wife, had driven it from LA to Las Vegas to get married. Athan is the only owner the hot rod has ever had.

The auction also features Elvis's personal white 1973 Lincoln Continental stretch limousine; the last motorcycle he ever purchased, a 1976 Harley Davidson FLH 1200 Electra Glide; and a Circle G Ranch GMC pickup truck; as well as other Presley memorabilia. For information, visit www.gwsuactions. com.

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#### Reader Photo

"[This photo] is of my mom,
Margaret, touching up the paintedon whitewalls of my parents' 1941
Chevy while my dad was overseas
in the Navy," says Frank Loucka,
of Vermilion, Ohio. "I believe the
picture was taken in 1943. The
location was 3540 West 63rd St. in
Cleveland." Note the Chevrolet's
accessory bumper guards and its
radio antenna, which appears to be
topped by a raccoon tail.



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#### Gilmore Museum/CCCA publication sets the bar high

his past spring, *The Industry Standard* magazine's 40-page edition carried three features: "Duesenberg, Celebrating an American Classic (especially curiosities)" by Jon Bill; "Women Who Motor"

(curated by Cindy Olsen); and the lead article by Rich Ray on automobile design and the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild. Spearheading the issue was Christopher R. Shires, executive director of the Gilmore Car Museum. The publication is a joint effort of that museum (gilmorecarmuseum. org) and the Classic Car Club of America Museum (cccamuseum.org).

Features highlight special exhibits at the Gilmore Car Museum. With a nod to the lead, Ray provided exceptional information in his four-page color treatment of the Fisher Body Craftsman's Guild. Organized in 1930 by the Fisher Body division of General Mo-

by the Fisher Body division of General Motors, the guild stirred up the imaginations of youthful wanna-be designers as never before. It was an era of hands-on expression far prior to the time-absorbing and impactful design work of computerization. Boys ages 11-19 entered the annual contests in droves, especially when car design was added beginning in 1937. Prior to that, the famous Fisher Coach was the main subject. The contest gave kids "the opportunity to express their imagination, design talent, technical skills and, most importantly, their creative ingenuity."

To underline that fact, Ray added that "over a third (35%)

of General Motors designers were former Guildsmen." The line of work became popular enough for institutions of higher learning to snag instructors to teach classes on the subject,

which may have resulted in the Fisher Guild program fading in 1968. This fabulous exhibit continues at the Gilmore through October. The Duesenberg special exhibit is open through September, and the "Women Who Motor" display, launched in July, will continue this fall.

Among car magazines from museums, this one is among the best. Quality writing, layout and design, plus topics of keen interest, carry the effort high, befitting its name. Anything called the "standard" in ages past meant it was the mark against which all others should be measured. That's a tall order for the Gilmore (Genevieve & Donald S.

Gilmore Foundation) and CCCA to perpetuate when it comes to museum magazines, but this one may very well do it.

The publication rounds out with a plethora of small articles and invitations, including membership and special events. Topping the remaining pages is a three-page color article by Kevin Fleck, a guru of the Cole automobile, which, in its specially designed V-8 form, is a Full Classic. The Cole brand was never underrated in its prime (1909-1925) and with possibly less than 80 around today, it remains a kingly machine for which our hats must be tipped in appreciation (for more, go to www.colemotorcarregistry.com).



#### **VINTAGE AD OF THE WEEK**

BY OC STAFF

The first all-new postwar Mercurys were introduced on April 29, 1948. Not long after that, this ad appeared in magazines and newspapers letting potential buyers know how "smart" they would be to buy one. The new lower and sleek Mercs shared Lincoln styling, but with a grille that resembled a shiny coil divided in the center by a large vertical piece of chrome. Among the other styling features were wraparound front and rear bumpers. Other changes for the model year included replacing the wood-bodied station wagon with a wagon that used only wood inserts. Under the hood was the L-head 255.4-cid eight-cylinder that produced 110 hp. This ad featured the convertible and four-door sedan body styles. In addition to the wagon, customers could also get the new Merc as a two-door, six-passenger coupe.

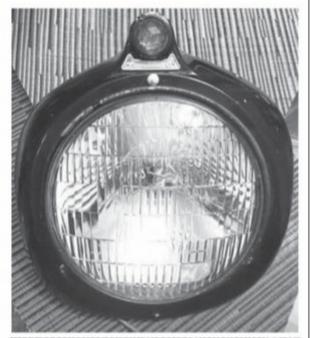






I bought a pair of these headlight assemblies at an auction. I'm unable to identify them. Any help would be appreciated.

— George S. McGuire, via e-mail





It's clear from the backside

• photo that you've got a sealedbeam conversion kit. These became
popular after 7-inch sealed beams were

adopted by most manufacturers for the 1940 model year. (Contrary to collective wisdom, they were not mandatory — a few makers, notably Graham and Bantam, held out). From the rounded-off-square shape of these I believe they're for a 1939 Plymouth. The little lens at the top is for the parking lamp, which was embedded in the reflector on the bulb-type 1939 lamps.

The sealed beams not only gave a better lighting pattern, they also simplified the supply chain, since (nearly) all cars used a single standardized part. It spelled the end of an era, though, the last vestiges of individual art deco designs. Many of the 1938-'39 lenses remain iconic art works today (until you need to replace a broken one).

In a book set in the early 1900s, • naphtha was noted being produced by Standard Oil and stored in huge tanks. Is naphtha the same as white gas? Back when I was just beginning to notice mechanical things in the late 1940s, we had a lawnmower that ran on white gas. When my father purchased a new mower, it ran on regular gas and thus a separate can was kept for each mower. The white gas was purchased at the gas station, but I don't remember if it was available from one of the island pumps or from another source at the station. I suspect the white gas was used for engines with a low (less then 6:1) compression ratio and before the makers added lead to the fuel. An internet search was inconclusive.

> — Chuck Klein, Georgetown, Ohio. https://chuckklein.com

A I have always understood "white gas" to be gasoline that was

unleaded and colorless. Yes, in the 1940s and '50s many people used it in lawnmowers, and it was a must in camp stoves and the like where lead would clog up the jets over time. I remember those days, but like you I don't recall if you could buy white gas at the pump—it was phasing out by the time I grew to lawn-mowing age. In the back of my mind is the idea that it was preferred for outboard motors. Later, in the 1960s, Amoco stations sold an unleaded premium at the pump that would serve the same purpose, but was more expensive because of the higher octane.

As for the name "white gas," the frequently useful Wikipedia gives three definitions: "a generic term for camp stove and lantern fuel, its most popular current usage; pure gasoline (without additives), commonly used when leaded gasoline was the norm to prevent fouling in situations where the properties of the lead additive were not required; and un-dyed gasoline."

Naphtha, on the other hand, is described as "a flammable liquid hydrocarbon mixture. Mixtures labeled naphtha have been produced from natural gas condensates, petroleum distillates, and the distillation of coal tar and peat. In different industries and regions naphtha may also be crude oil or refined products such as kerosene. Mineral spirits, also historically known as 'naphtha,' are not the same chemical." Does that clear things up, or have I just muddied them?

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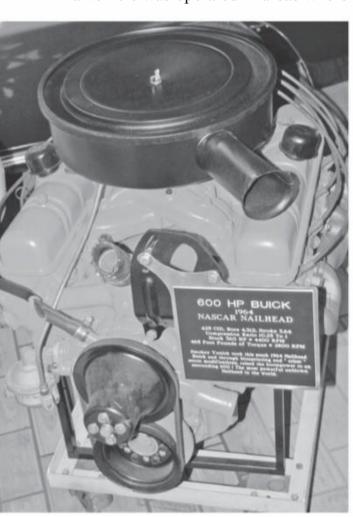


## FRESH AIR CLEANERS Servicing old-fashioned air cleaners

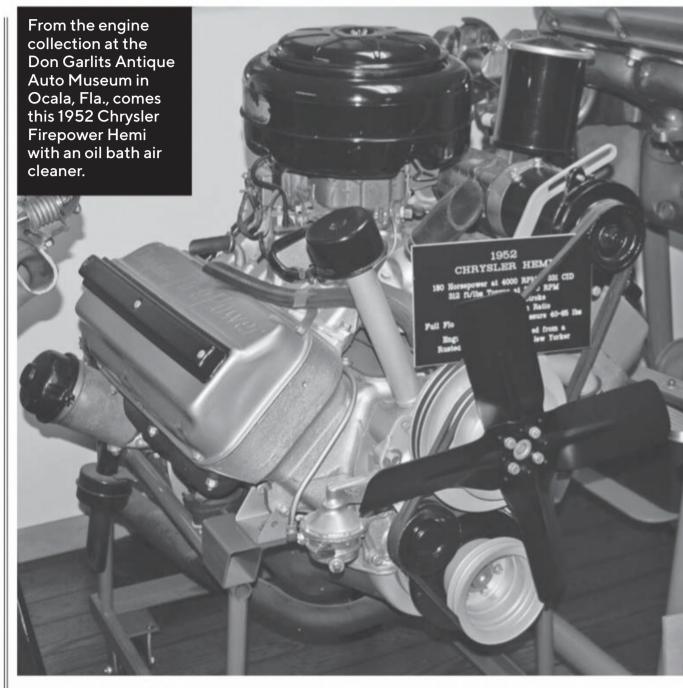
STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOHN GUNNELL

he air cleaner on your modern vehicle is probably a throwaway item. When you bring your car or truck in for an oil change or tune-up, the service technician takes out the old filter, pops a new one into the housing, fastens some wire clips and away you go. The replacement disposable air filter usually costs less than \$10, although reusable high-performance filters can cost \$60 or more.

Things were different in the good old days. Until the late 1980s, most vehicles had carburetors and what we now simply call an "air filter" was once called a "carburetor air cleaner." Throw-awaytype carburetor air cleaners started to appear in the late 1950s, but prior to that, the carburetor air cleaner (aka air breather) was a component designed to be disassembled, cleaned and sometimes re-oiled in the spring and fall, or at least every 10,000 miles of use. And if a vehicle was operated in areas where



Smokey Yunick hopped up this 1964 Buick "Nailhead" V-8 to churn up more than 600 hp. He kept the original "dry element" air cleaner, however.



dust conditions were bad, it was recommended that the carburetor air cleaner be serviced every 2,000 miles.

By the 1940s, most automakers offered car buyers a choice of standard and oil bath carburetor air cleaners. Both types had to be re-oiled, but the oil bath designs were heavy-duty in nature and had an oil reservoir. They are also more popular with modern collectors since they were usually an extra-cost option.

Carburetor air cleaners served two functions. First, they filtered air entering the carburetor to keep abrasive dust from being carried into the engine. Second, they silenced the noise produced by air rushing into the carburetor.

With standard carburetor air cleaners, the filtering function was accomplished by passing air through a filter element that had been moistened in heavy engine oil. The element was made of a stiff metal mesh held between two circular sections of metal screening that fit into the top of a metal canister and were held in place by a lid. A thin bolt passed through a hole in the center of the lid and accepted a wing nut that held the lid on tightly.

The heavy-duty oil bath type of carburetor air cleaner was intended for use in cars driven in dusty areas where the standard air filter could not keep the air clean enough. The heavy-duty type had an oil reservoir in its base. The air entering the carburetor first had to impinge on the oil stored in the reservoir, which took out some of the heavier dust particles. The high velocity of the air stream picked up some of the oil and carried it upward into the filter element. This kept the element continually washed and moistened with oil.

#### Servicing an old air cleaner

Servicing an old-fashioned carburetor air cleaner is really quite simple, although it can be just a bit messy. It is also an operation that many recent oldcar collectors aren't personally familiar with, since they didn't grow up in the era when these systems were in use.

To service a standard-type carburetor air cleaner, start by undoing the wing nut and taking off the lid in order to remove the circular wire screens with the mesh held between them. Make sure to put the wing nut in a safe spot, as it is easy to lose in or around the engine. To do a really thorough job, remove the entire air cleaner canister. It probably has a spread ring that tightens around the neck of the carburetor with a screw-type clamp. There may be other braces securing it in position. By loosening attaching bolts, it will come off fairly easy.

The wire mesh element can be cleaned in a parts washer or by plunging it up and down in a safe, non-volatile parts-cleaning solution made for use in a parts washer. (While your 1950s shop manual may say to use gasoline or kerosene for cleaning the element, that's not exactly safe or environmentally responsible, so don't do it.) If you removed the complete canister, you'll want to clean that, too. Doing so will help give your engine that "show detailed" look.

After cleaning the element, it should be re-oiled by dipping it in a plastic drain pan filled with clean engine oil. That's right, you're going to clean it, then dip it back in oil. Let the excess oil drain into your pan so it doesn't mess up your engine compartment.

Clean all the dirt out of the part of the air cleaner canister that the element seats in. Put the filtering element back in its proper position and re-install the lid and wing nut to hold it tightly in position. If you removed the entire canister, put it back on the carburetor and tighten any attaching clamps, screws and bolts.

Servicing an oil-bath type carburetor air cleaner requires somewhat the same steps, but in this case, the entire canister must be removed from the car so that the oil in the reservoir can be replaced with fresh oil. The filter element is cleaned by plunging it up and down in the cleaning solution, but the mesh element does not have to be oiled. Instead, it will oil itself by the air velocity system described earlier.

fill the reservoir with 20W oil. When the temperatures were above freezing, 50W oil was specified. For collector cars, the In the winter, it was recommended to \| 50W spec will apply in most cases. OC

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## GOLDEN SANDS SALVAGE

## Future for recently closed yard remains uncertain

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olden Sands Salvage, a longstanding and popular vintage vehicle and parts source in Boscobel, Wis., closed on July 27. Keith Swenson, who has operated the southwestern Wisconsin salvage yard for approximately 30 years, is seeking a buyer for the business. What will happen to the yard's inventory of more than 400 vehicles, most ranging from the 1930s to '80s, if a buyer isn't found, has yet to be determined.



The Golden Sands Salvage sign attached to the beauty fence fronting Airport Road in Boscobel, Wis.



Raymon Alt of Ironton, Wis., poses with the 1936 Nash 400 Deluxe sedan he purchased on Golden Sands Salvage's final day of business under current ownership. The car was previously updated with a modern Chevy drivetrain. Alt intends to keep the car as a period hot rod.





From the mid-1920s, the remains of this International truck show a vehicle that saw hard use on a farm or in delivery service.



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Throughout Golden Sands Salvage, lying randomly or packed into vintage cargo vans or dilapidated mobile homes, are interesting parts such as this vintage Magster wheel.

The yard hosted a "last chance" sale on Friday and Saturday, July 26-27, during which several vintage cars and trucks were purchased for restoration projects. Buyers also snapped up donor parts and shop tools/supplies from the

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on-site mechanic's garage. In addition to vehicles, what remains on the 18-acre property are several dilapidated mobile homes and old cargo truck boxes filled with loose items such as drivetrain parts, trim, wheels and interior parts from cars and trucks going back several decades. The yard also contains a large selection of vintage boats and snowmobiles as well as farm implements.

In summer months, the yard gets overwhelmed with brush and trees in full bloom. Many vehicles on the property's outer edges are either partially or totally obscured by foliage. Interesting vehicles that remain visible in the tangle of growth include a 1962 Pontiac Amblewagon station wagon, a trio of Edsel sedans, a "bullet nose" Studebaker, a '58 Chevrolet Apache 38 minibus that served the Boscobel Area Public School system, a '54 Chevy 5700 COE tanker, a '56 Lincoln Capri hardtop and a '77 Ford Pinto Cruising Wagon with porthole rear-quarter windows.

With word relayed on social media of the yard's closing, it brought buyers



Luke Goedert of Cherry Valley Auto in Millville, Iowa, hooks a chain from his newly purchased 1948 Oldsmobile Dynamic sedan to a front-end loader to pull the car onto his trailer. Goedert plans to build the Olds into a rat rod.

TOP: This "step-down" design 1948 Hudson Commodore sedan appears even lower as it has settled into the ground. It sports a roof antenna for its \$84 optional radio.

CENTER: This 1954 Plymouth Plaza Suburban two-door station wagon is missing some minor components and has a few dents, but is otherwise solid.

BOTTOM: While it's missing several pieces of brightwork, this 1958 Stude-baker Commander sedan is 1 of only 6,771 built in that model's final year of production.

from near and far for a chance to acquire needed vehicles or parts. Andy and Gail Howard of Fond du Lac, Wis., scored interior parts for their Pontiac Firebird. Raymon Alt of Ironton, Wis., purchased a 1936 Nash 400 Deluxe sedan that long ago had been converted to a hot rod with a modern Chevy drivetrain and aftermarket wheels. Alt said he plans to keep the Nash as a period hot rod, but will definitely change its modified interior. The previous owner installed orangeand-white shag carpet on the floor, inner door panels and headliner. It was an "unusual" choice when installed decades ago, and that's using a polite "u" word!

Traveling from out of state were Luke Goedert and his girlfriend Holly Hayes of Cherry Valley Auto in Millville, Iowa. They rescued a 1948 Oldsmobile Dynamic sedan that Hayes said will be used for a rat rod build. It was a struggle to get the Olds on Goedert's trailer as the car's transmission brace was rotted away and the low-hanging tranny was catching on the end of the hauler as the car was being pulled aboard via a chain.

Todd Sletten of Ferryville, Wis., said he's been a longtime customer of Golden Sands Salvage and has frequented the yard to obtain parts to maintain his collection of vintage Fords. He and his brother Loren wrestled a weathered 1928 Ford Model A Tudor from the brush and stated he'll use most of the car's bodywork for a hot rod build. He added that the yard's closing was a sad occasion. "There's not much else in this area for the old stuff."

Updates on the status of Golden Sands Salvage inventory can be obtained by calling Keith Swenson at 608-375-0625 (no morning calls), or Al at 608-391-1069. **OC** 







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nce word got around that Chrysler products might be the feature cars at Das Awkscht Fescht, interest grew quickly.

"I don't know how it happened," said Bill Schimeneck, one of the organizers, "but there were people coming up to us and saying, 'I heard you're going to do a Chrysler show.' 'Well, we're talking about it.'"

It didn't happen quite that smoothly, as Schimeneck said that he and Dwight Heinzman learned during the 2016 show that the Macungie, Pa., event might be in a jam when it came to the following year's feature car. They reasoned that Chryslers had not been featured for some time and that their own contacts and experience in putting events together could enable them to do so for MoPars in 2017.

"We just started asking questions of the right people that morning," Schimeneck recalled, "and said, 'We can do this. We can meet your requirements.' We talked to people we know ... Then we talked to some other people about getting money to pay for the tent and we talked to the Fescht people."

It briefly looked as if Chryslers might indeed be featured for 2017, but the problem that had the Das Awkscht Fescht's committee concerned never materialized.

#### LONG-RUNNING EVENT FEATURES CHRYSLER CORP. VARIETY

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BOB TOMAINE

"So they said, 'We need somebody for '19,'" Schimeneck continued. "'Can you do it for '19?' 'Absolutely.'"

They did, and he estimated that about 200 Chrysler products participated in the Saturday show on Aug. 3 and 300 to 350 in Sunday's show on Aug. 4. Those numbers were about what he'd hoped for and he said that the range of vehicles provided a good representation.

"Dwight and I both own Road Runners," Schimeneck said, "so that's our interest, but we enjoy a variety of cars. We looked to get a variety and we got cars from the '20s to the '80s. We have cars that are driven to an event and we have cars that are trailer queens. We have two race cars. We have an assortment of big old trucks from '62 to '70 ... and a Li'l Red Express. For comparison, we have a 2018 Cummins crew cab on display there as well.

"The point is that we wanted a variety."

Out of that variety, he singled out one example.

Dodge Darts were popular cars when new. This 1964 GT convertible's owner wasn't born yet, however.

#### Starring her 'sweet 16' Dart

"I think the star-attraction car that's here is a '64 Dart GT convertible," Schimeneck said. "It's a slant six, it's automatic, it's not a concours-correct restoration. It's a car the owner can have fun with and drive, and she is a young woman and she's thrilled to be underneath the (feature) tent. That's what we want to do. We have to get the young people and if we can get a young woman involved, that's just great for the hobby, so that's a significant car to have under there."



The Dart GT's dashboard is uncluttered. The aftermarket radio is a step up from the boombox that once substituted for the original.

"I've had it since I was 16," said the Dodge Dart's owner, Erin Dreisbach of Coplay, Pa. "I'm 34, so that's how many years? My father is a huge car buff and for my 16th birthday, he completely restored this vehicle and gave it to me as a gift. I was ecstatic."

The Dart was ready by the time she had her driver's license — although with a boombox temporarily substituted for its radio — and her friends enjoyed it almost as much as she did. It is, after all, the perfect summer car for teenagers, and riding around with the top down produced amusing reactions.

"As a female," Dreisbach said, "it was funny. A lot of people don't expect a female to be driving a classic car, so the looks we would get, especially at 17, 18, 19, when these people would see these young girls driving a 1964 Dodge."

While it would be an excellent goodweather driver, her daily commute rules that out and the car instead gets out to shows and cruises. It's frequently recognized and she said that although Darts date to before she was born, she knows they were popular in their day and everyone seems to remember them.

#### College kid's Imperial estate find

Not all Chrysler products are identified as easily as the Dart. Kristen Luckenbach of Zionsville, Pa., can predict who's likely to correctly name her 1957 Imperial coupe.

"If they're over 60, yeah," she said. "Younger people don't know. 'Oh, is that a Cadillac?' 'No.' When they get back up off the ground, I explain that it's a Chrysler [product]."

rial for a long time, but the circumstances that led to her owning it were very different. They involved an estate sale

in college. We were there looking for a bookshelf or a dresser or something to take back to college. It was a local estate sale. We headed down to look for it and the car was sitting in the garage."

Her brother, Eric, was with her at the sale and he recalled another car that was there.

"An '88 Cutlass Ciera station wagon," he said. " ... The car went for \$8000, which was more than book at the time. We were all shaking our heads."

That was twice the sale price for the Imperial, Kristen said, which looked exactly as it does now. It needed only minor mechanical help such as a carburetor rebuild and brake work. Eric said that with fresh gas, it started easily.

"It's our understanding," he said, "that this was the original owner's retirement car. When he retired, he went and purchased this car ... Around 30,000 miles were on it and this was (used) strictly to go to church, go and get a sandwich on Saturday night and

Like Dreisbach, she's had the Impeand she wasn't there to buy a car. "I bought it in '93," she said. "I was

then it went back. That's why, we believe, it wasn't all dirty and disgusting because even when he didn't drive it, he was probably out there wiping it down." "We ran into the grandson of the guy

a couple of years back at this show," Kristen added, "and he said that every Sunday, he'd help Grandpa wax the car and clean it up. They took care of it for me ... The last time it was inspected was '74. It still has the sticker on there. They probably drove it for 15 years and then it sat in the garage."

Once the Imperial was back on the road, she had something in common with Dreisbach.

"It was an extreme novelty in the '90s," Eric said, "to have a girl in her teens or 20s be rolling in a Hemi-powered Imperial."

"You still hear it," Kristen added. "Hey, there's a girl driving that car' ... I used to drive it more. I used to take it to shows every week or two. Now I'd say that if I take it to six shows a year, that's a lot. Occasionally, I'll just take it out on a Sunday morning and drive it around."

#### D-500 Dodge drop top

The pink Imperial doesn't exactly fly under the radar, and Merv Afflerbach of Quakertown, Pa., said his 1959 Dodge Custom Royal Super D-500 is generally noticed, too.

"Yeah," he said, "big time."

The yellow convertible is admittedly difficult for anyone to miss, but those who know cars understand the meaning of the Super D-500 package.

"That's the 383," Afflerbach said, "with the two four-barrels, 345 horsepower."

He bought the car in 1978 from its original owner in Easton, Pa., and drove it home. It had some rust problems, he recalled, and the convertible top had been damaged when something had fallen on it. His solution was simple.

"The first year-and-a-half that I had it," he said, "I just drove it with the top down. I got the new top, the one that's on it now, in 1979. I drove it here to Macungie every year to the show until '83 and that's when I took it home and tore it all apart because I had every part I needed to fix it. I had two new front fenders, two new quarter panels, all new chrome."

While the car was apart, he over-



ABOVE: A 1957 Imperial can stump younger people who see it. The car's owner says admirers sometimes ask whether it's a Cadillac.

RIGHT: For its time, the Imperial's dashboard is moderately restrained. Its most interesting feature is the Highway HiFi record player, just below the radio.



The Super D-500 package on this 1959 Dodge translates to a 345-horsepower 383 with two four-barrels.

hauled the engine and transmission as a precaution and said that the only component he didn't touch was the wiper motor.

"I had it apart for four years," Afflerbach said, "and I did everything on it except the bodywork. I didn't paint any of the yellow, but I painted everything else on it. I painted the dash, which I had out, all the stuff under the hood."

He'd expected when he bought the car that he'd do that much work on it, just as he'd realized while driving it home that day that he'd made the right decision. It's not going anywhere.

"I've had plenty of chances to sell it over the years," Afflerbach said, "from the beginning when I first got done with it to now. It was probably the first one of those that was restored. There are lots of them done since then — I don't know about 'lots' — I'm going to say 20. They don't have exact numbers for how many were built, but people guess there were around 700. Now, I don't know how many with that motor. If you look at it this way, that was the standard motor in the De Soto Adventurer and they made 100 of them. It's an optional motor in the Dodge."

Rarity is nice, but it's not everything. "It's always comfortable," Afflerbach said. "I drove one just like it from here to Indianapolis, which was 650 miles in 10 hours. That was a while ago and it wasn't this car, it was one just like it.

"The only thing that I would tell anybody when they start driving it is to stop and get used to the brakes because, of course, today with disc brakes, nobody is ready for these cars anymore. It does stop you, but as far as steering and acceleration and ride and cornering, it'd be nothing to get used to it."

A chance to drive it is likely to inspire a desire to own one.

"If you're any kind of car enthusiast," Afflerbach observed, "I would say yeah."

#### Young collector's Plymouth coupe

Unlike the Dodge Custom Royal, Paul Schmidt's 1934 Plymouth PE rumbleseat coupe couldn't be driven to his Normal Square, Pa., home when he bought it last year. He was prepared for that since he and his father had known the car before losing track of it when its owner died about four years ago. They spotted the owner's son at a cruise and asked about the Plymouth.

"He said, 'I have it,'" Schmidt recalled, "but it's not for sale."

Eventually, he and his father went to the owner's house where his wife said that he probably wouldn't sell it, but suggested they return on the following weekend to talk to him. They did and he gave them a quick look at the car, but refused to sell since it had gan working on it. He renewed the entire brake and fuel systems and installed new valves and seats. When it overheated a quarter mile into its first test drive, he flushed the cooling system and by May of this year, it was running and reliable

"I drove it down here," Schmidt said at Das Awkscht Fescht. "It's about 45 miles ... I'd take it anywhere."

The effort he put into it — and the patience before that — proved worthwhile, as he'd long wanted a car of the Plymouth's era.

"It's just that I like the older cars," Schmidt said. "A lot of people look at me strange when I tell them that, because I'm only 35 years old. I'd rather have something older than something new and I will definitely tell you that you don't have to hot rod one of these cars to enjoy it. I came down here and at one spot, I was probably doing close to 70 miles an hour. It was just cruising fine, it was nice and smooth."

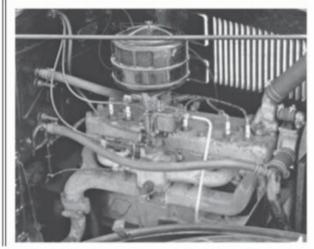
BELOW: This 1934 Plymouth PE rumbleseat coupe was stored for 22 years before being brought back to life earlier this year.

BOTTOM: In 1934, Plymouth still had two decades of solely six-cylinder cars in its future.



been his father's first antique car. During another visit, Schmidt made an offer and was again turned down, but the owner agreed to offer it to him first if he changed his mind. One day last August, Schmidt came home from work to find that the owner had kept his word and left a message that the Plymouth was his if he still wanted it.

Schmidt made the deal and after Hershey, he had the Plymouth and be-



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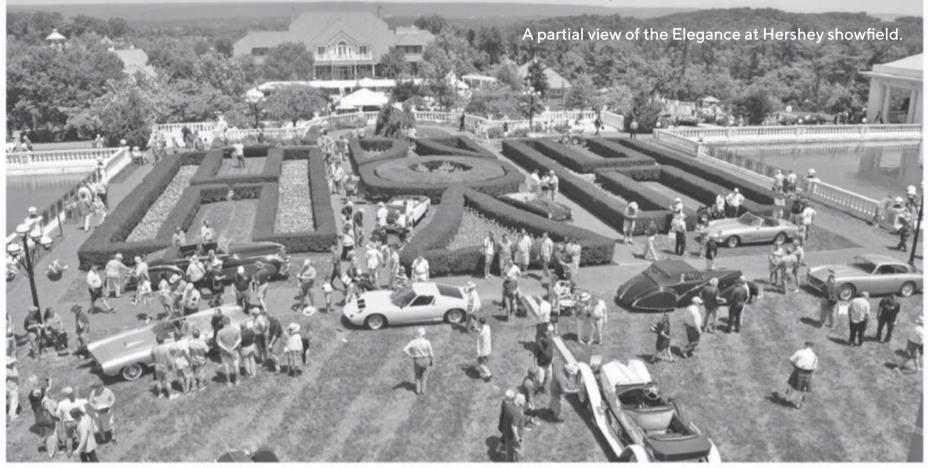




## PUTIN'ONTHERIZ

#### Elegance at Hershey brings out the hobby's best

STORY AND PHOTOS BY BILL ROTHERMEL, SAH



magnificent show field of 75 cars came together once again for the 9th Elegance at Hershey June 7-9. Elegance co-founder and Chief Judge Dr. Paul Sable called it, "Our best ever. Hard to believe, but I think we even topped last year." Situated in the gardens of the Hotel Hershey & Spa, the show is the vision of the late Jack Rich, who desired a European-style, invitation-only concours in an intimate environment, here in the gold ol' U.S.A. Although Rich passed away in the year following the first event, his influence remains strong as the show has quickly grown to prominence among the top shows on the busy annual concours circuit.

Somewhat unique among concours, there are no classes at The Elegance. Each car competes for named awards. Vehicles can be judged as many as five or six times by different teams of accomplished judges. In the end, each car is paraded by the reviewing stand for the public to see and hear (and smell) in operation. Every participant receives a sig-

nature Hershey Kiss trophy along with any award they might have won as the narrated awards ceremony progresses. Typically, the Elegance is dominated by prewar cars, but this year the show field was split evenly between prewar and postwar examples.

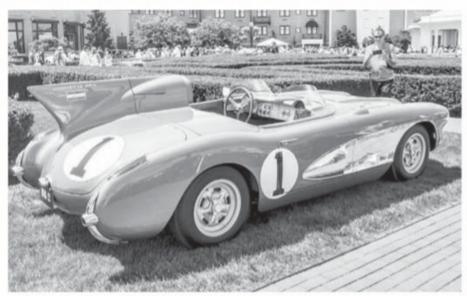
The concours is held in conjunction with the VSCCA-sanctioned Grand Ascent, a reprisal of the old Hershey Hill Climb. More than 40 vintage sports and racing cars competed against the clock on the twisty course that rises 200 feet in just .7 mile. Stefan Vapaa in his 1968 Saab Sonnet posted the weekend's best time at 52.2 seconds.

In addition to Grand Ascent practice runs which began Friday, weekend participants were invited to a welcome cocktail party at the Hershey Gardens adjacent to the Hotel Hershey that evening. Over 450 guests attended, enjoying perfect weather which prevailed for the remainder of the three-day event. Local Lancaster County car collectors provided a special display of '50s and '60s cars, joined by the racers and their

cars participating in the Grand Ascent.

Saturday's Cars & Coffee attracted more than 200 vehicles and featured a display of race cars from the adjacent Grand Ascent, including three rare H.R.G. models. The evening's sell-out charity dinner and silent auction was attended by nearly 350 guests with noted collector Robert Jepson serving as Honorary Chairman. The "First Lady of Car Collecting," Pat Swigart, became the ninth recipient of the Olympus Award in recognition of her dedication and service to the hobby. Proceeds benefited the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, the AACA Library and Research Center and the AACA Museum.

Among this year's highlights was a reunion of three of the most significant cars in General Motors history: the 1951 **LeSabre**, 1956 Corvette *SR-2 Roadster*, and the 1959 Cadillac *Cyclone* — all of which were attributed to GM's then-Design Chief Harley Earl. "What an epic event in the car world to have these cars together to headline on our show field," said Concours Chairman and co-found-



Irwin Kroiz's 1956 Chevrolet Corvette SR-2 Roadster was winner of the Elegance of Competition Award.



Winner of the People's Choice Award, from the GM Heritage Collection, the 1951 LeSabre concept.

er Michael Rich.

The jet-age *LeSabre*, arguably the most important car in GM history (along with the Buick Y-Job), was actually used as Earl's daily driver for two years once it completed the auto show circuit. It included such novel features as a rear transaxle, on-board jacking system and rain-sensing interior that automatically raised the top at the hint of any falling precipitation. The Corvette SR-2, GM's first purpose-built and factorysponsored Corvette race car, was built for Earl's son Jerome in response to the displeasure of GM's top brass that the younger Earl was racing a Ferrari. And, the futuristic *Cyclone* was one of Earl's final designs for the company. It pioneered a radar-operated collision avoidance system which was contained in the twin nose cones on the front of the car. The GM Heritage Collection showed both the Cyclone and LeSabre, which not surprisingly, took home People's Choice honors. The SR-2, owned by Irwin Kroiz, received The Elegance of Competition Award.

Ten cars (as nominated by the judges) competed for the Governor's Cup Best of Show, which was presented to Stephen and Amy Plaster's 1933 Isotta-Fraschini Tipo 8A Sports Tourer by Castagna. One of 200, this car was featured at the 27th Salon de l'Automobile Paris in October 1933. It was then put on display at I-F's Manhattan showroom until it was sold to radio personality Joe Penner. While in the possession of George Schweiger, the car appeared in numerous movies including "Giant," in which it was driven throughout Texas by James Dean.

The Founder's Award went to Harry

Yeaggy's 1934 Packard Twelve 1108 Sport Phaeton by LeBaron. Four are known to exist, and this example had not been shown publicly in 25 years. The design was akin to Packard Chief Designer Ed Macauley's own custom speedster of 1932-'33, which shared Alexis de Sakhnoffsky's patented hood and cowl design. When new, the car was priced at a staggering \$7,065.

Completing the trio of top awards was Ken Smith's 1936 Delahaye 135 competition roadster, which took home the Hotel Hershey Award. Smith's car, Chassis No. 46864, is fitted with a beautiful ostrich interior and wears coachwork by Figoni et Falaschi, including a patented disappearing top and folding windshield which were pioneered on this particular car. It was originally built for a wealthy Parisian and personal friend of Joseph Figoni.

Two Tuckers were displayed, including Howard and Rosiland Kroplick's 1948 Tucker #44, which took home Most Unique Post-War Design honors and the Swigart Museum's 1947 "Tin Goose" Prototype, which received the "Best American Post-War" honors. John McAlpin's 1917 Locomobile 48 Sportif Victoria by Farnham-Nelson was presented with The Elegance Heritage Award. The car is believed to have been built for the Leggett Family (of Rexall Drug fame) and is painted in the company's colors of orange and blue-grey. The 1962 Ferrari 250GT California Spyder, Pininfarina, owned by Oscar Davis, was the winner of "Best European Post-War Car."

The Society of Automotive Historians also debuted awards for the first time at a major concours. The 1911 E-

M-F Model 30 Racer owned by Dale Critz, Jr., received SAH's inaugural Spirit Award-History Merits Recognition memorializing the late Beverly Rae Kimes. Critz's E-M-F is the lone surviving example of three cars sent from the factory to race for the Tideman Trophy (preliminary to the Vanderbilt Cup) in Savannah, Ga., in 1911. The E-M-Fs placed 1-2-3, this being the third-place car which averaged 58 mph over 170 miles. Steven Heald's 1903 Cadillac rear-entrance tonneau received both the Motoring Pioneers Award for the Best Early/Brass Car and SAH's Spirit Award-Earliest Car on the Showfield, given in honor of the late Henry Austin Clark, Jr.

Sonny and Joan Abagnale's flamboyant 1948 Cadillac Series 62 cabriolet by "Saoutchik" was recipient of the Chocolate Town Award. Built for New York furrier Louis Ritter, the black-andpurple car retains little of its visible Cadillac heritage other than the dash and sombrero wheel covers. The Best of Britain Award was presented to John and Linda Spillman's 1952 Daimler DB-18 Drophead Coupe by Hooper, one of six produced and the only one in the United States. Most Elegant European Closed Pre-War honors went to Alan Rosenblum's 1936 Bugatti Type 57 Atalante Coupe by Gangloff, and Andrew and Tonya Heller's 1921 Kissel 6-45 Speedster was recipient of the American Spirit Award for the Best American Car 1920-1931. A total of 41 cars received named awards. OC

For more details, photos and a complete list of winners, go to www.the eleganceathershey.com.

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Locomobile:
Best Since
Day One

Its reputation was already established when Locomobile built this Type E touring in 1908. At the time, it was promoting itself as "the Most Reliable American Car."

here's something wonderfully admirable about an automaker self-confident enough to advertise its cars as the "best," especially one that won't be laughed off the market in doing so.

"The Locomobile is the Best Automobile," its builder claimed in an early ad showing "a 3-1/2 H.P. Locomobile climbing Roslyn Hill in the Long Island Automobile Club contest, April 26th. The Locomobile won the Class A cup out of a field of twenty-three American and foreign machines."

The same ad touted the fact that "at some recent trials of the Automobile Club of America, the Locomobile was stopped in 139 feet while traveling at the rate of about 32 miles an hour. This shows the wonderful speed of the Locomobile and the efficient system of its brakes."

In case anyone accused the com-

pany of crossing the line between confidence and arrogance, it also explained that "at a recent automobile run from Paris to Nice (about 700 miles) a 3-1/2 H.P. Locomobile finished 3rd out of about sixty machines, being preceded only by two machines of greatly superior horse power."

If it had crossed the line, that last part probably would not have been advertised, but regardless of how it

viewed itself, Locomobile hadn't simply appeared out nowhere. In fact, it had something of a heritage from the very start thanks to F.E. and F.O. Stanley. Their steam car in 1899 caught the attention of John Brisben Walker, who

The Locomobile's four-cylinder displaces 199 cubic inches and is rated at 20 hp.

bought their company for \$250,000 and brought in Amzi Lorenzo Barber as the money man in return for half of the company. The cars that had been begun in Watertown, Mass., as Stanleys were completed as Locomobiles. When the Walker-Barber partnership fell apart, Walker moved to Tarrytown, N.Y., to build the same car as the Mobile.

That failed after about two years, but Barber had retained control of Locomobile and in 1902, moved production to Bridgeport, Conn. The Stanleys by then had given up their consulting role at Locomobile and resumed business on their own, a move that was probably good for everyone as late 1902 saw the arrival of

something unlike any previous Locomobile, a car powered by a gasoline engine. Steam continued into 1904, but "gasolene" Locomobiles were the future and advertising promised that they were "equal to the best imported cars in material, workmanship, and finish, but better adapted to American conditions."

Twins and fours were available with the two-cylinder Model C tonneau serving as the entry-level Locomobile at \$2100; at about \$58,600 in today's money, "entry-level" might not be the best description, but it really was the base Locomobile in the gasoline range. Steam models were cheaper — a mere \$750 for the runabout — and those who wanted one were running out of time as 1904 would be their last chance. The

gas car featured "good material. Good workmanship" and "every user of Locomobile will testify to the fact that it is Easily the Best Built Car in America."

Three years later, in 1907, Locomobile was "the greatest American car," and while still expensive at \$2800 for the Type E 20-hp touring and \$4500 for the 35-hp Type H touring, Locomobile's reputation was established. If the company and its cars had been anything less than promised, it's at the very least doubtful that many examples would have sold at what today would be about \$75,300 and \$121,000, respectively. The seven-passenger, 120-inch-wheelbase H "contains many features which will appeal to those interested in the powerful touring car De Luxe," but the comparatively affordable E with its five-passenger seating and 96-inch wheelbase was probably the better value.

Locomobile advertised that "the quality of this car is, in every detail, the best that we can produce," a statement that could have applied across its entire range, but instead of positioning the E as a lower-cost model, it got right to the point. The Type E "is splendidly adapted to general service. Solid construction, convenient size, freedom from tire trouble. Exceedingly stylish and graceful in appearance" and most importantly 11 decades later, "thoroughly satisfactory for touring and able to keep up with the largest touring cars in a hard day's run."

#### The Locomobile experience

"You got what you paid for," said Fred Gonet, the Proctorsville, Vt., owner of the 1908 E shown here, "and it's just a phenomenally designed car ... I've been in this all day touring. We did the '91 tour where we went from Massachusetts up to Canada, across Canada and back down through Vermont to Massachusetts again in a week and we were fine, ready to go again. You're not fatigued. After a full day's tour, you're tired from just being in the wind, but you're not fatigued."

While he averages about 2000 miles in it each year, he's not the first to have toured with the Locomobile. He bought it in 1985 from a friend of a friend, he explained, and the seller's primary concern was that the car would be restored

and cared for as necessary. The seller was adamant that its new home be a good one.

"I had to pass a test, my kids had to pass a test, my wife had to pass a test," Gonet said, "and then he virtually gave it to us when we were done."

The seller had

bought it in 1961 after having spotted it in a classified ad in *Car & Driver*, but Gonet said that the Locomobile had apparently turned up in the 1940s.

"The story I'd gotten," he continued, "was that it came out of Wyckoff, New Jersey. A widow had it — her husband was going to do something with it — but he died and at that time, Henry Austin Clark on Long Island was who to get in touch with on old cars. She contacted him."

Clark bought it, he said, then sold it to a friend who began its restoration in 1950 and completed it to run on the 1954 Glidden Tour. It was then sold again, driven for a few years and eventually advertised in *Car & Driver*.

"I've got all the bills of sale," Gonet said, "because I met the guy who restored it in the early '50s and he gave me his whole folder, photographs and everything, all the bills of sale from the previous owners, but unfortunately, I can't go back any further than about 1949 or '48....

"It had been toured a bit, but not a tremendous amount, not nearly as much as I've driven it. The paint was a little shabby, the seats were cracked, the top was a little iffy by that time because it hadn't been touched since '52, '53 when it was restored until I bought it in '85. It had just been driven. It had the wrong brass on it, all the wrong lamps, so I found the correct lamps for it and made the fenders correctly. I did a complete frame-up on it.

"Mechanically, it was very good."

During the 1954 Glidden, he said, the make-and-break ignition had caused problems and was replaced with a high-



The button throttle might take some adjustment, but the clutch and brake pedals in their conventional positions and the four-speed transmission's standard H-pattern combine to make the Locomobile a fairly uncomplicated car for the modern driver.

tension system. He explained that the original components were sold to Clark, who was able to tell him who had bought them from him. Gonet knew the buyer and asked whether he still had them. He did — they were in the same box they'd been packed in after their replacement — so Gonet bought them.

"I put most of them back on," he said.
"I left the high-tension mag because I drive it and it's a super ignition system. It works great, but I did put all the mechanics back on, all the make-and-break system. I just didn't put the current generator on it. I use the high-tension mag. So yeah, I bought all the original parts back and put them back on again. It was cool. I was very happy about that."

Unlike some of its contemporaries that provide a wrestling match underway, he said, the Locomobile is an easy car to drive.

"It's still hand-crank," Gonet said, "(but) it shifts beautifully, it's got a beautiful clutch in it... You've got a hand throttle, but it's got a gas pedal and the standard clutch on the left, brake on the right, standard H-pattern four-speed. You've got to double-clutch downshifting, so you've got to bring it up to the right rpm. Upshifting, listen to it and it'll drop right in."

The brakes are up to the task provided that the driver recognizes their limitations, as he said that both the hand brake and the foot brake can lock the wheels. They both also fade, so he said a lower gear and alternating between the brakes is sometimes the smart approach.

"That way," he said, "they stay cool. I haven't met a hill I haven't survived."

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# BUMPER END BUMPER Can a '55 Cadillac bumper end be saved? BY ROTTEN RODNEY BAUMAN

othing beats a failure but a try." Now there's an obscure adage. In my fairly long lifetime, I've only known a couple folks who've said that. One was Rick Richards, an accomplished body man whom I worked for as a kid. If he's up there

watching, he's probably shaking his head.

Since relocating to northwestern Montana, I've been led to a number of older wrecking yards. They're out here, so whenever I can help friends with hard-to-find parts, I'm on it. For quite some time a friend in California had been on the hunt for a non-rodded '32 Ford frame. I found it, got it to him and it worked out very well.

More recently, a friend was in need of a left rear bumper end for his '55 Cadillac. I found that, too. Before it was pulled from the salvage car, I looked it over and felt it under, but somehow in the weeds



I missed some damage. In fact, once it was delivered to our shop. I doubted it was the same one I'd picked out, but sure enough, it was.

Sometimes we see only what we want to see. The excitement of finding that bumper end must have taken over, somehow preventing me from seeing and feeling its true condition. Now, in an attempt to save face, I'll attempt to save a rusted-through bumper end - and since it's been offered, I'll likely accept some help.

Out on Mrs. Rotten's welding table, the bumper end is already secured in the vise. From the factory, in 10-gauge steel, our subject bumper end is a pretty substantial part. The rust-affected area, however, is thinner and wider-spread than we first thought.

To get started we'll have some disassembly to do, as the bumper end is comprised of bolt-together bits. With a 50/50 mixture of acetone and automatic transmission fluid, we've already juiced the rusty threads. Somewhere around here

we have a half-inch-drive impact wrench. It's a second-hand Central Pneumatic unit that someone long before us must have purchased from Harbor Freight. With our ample air supply, we know that tool is pretty powerful. Rather than givin' the bolts a chance to spin, we might opt to run them tighter to snap their rusty heads off.

Following disassembly, we'll clean up after our home-brew penetrant before bead-blasting the inside of the bumper end. From there, we'll remove a small circular section of rusted-through steel as we do our level best to keep our patchwork repair from growing. We've all seen magazine tech where experts make things look easy. If that's what you're expecting to see here, you're in for a surprise.

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**BELOW: As initial** disassembly begins, we can see what looks like a small rusted spot, just to the right of the bumper end's exhaust port.





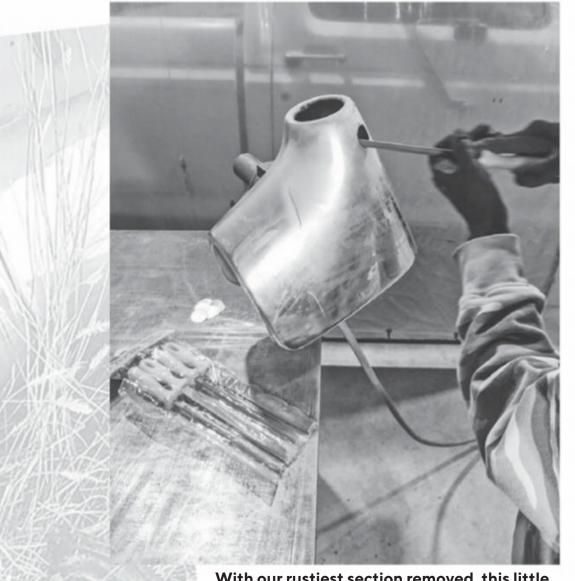
At this point we're committed, as we get our first clear view of this part's decomposition. These 1954-'55 Cadillac bumper ends are known everywhere for rusting, regardless of climate, because the exhaust runs through them.



Around the port we find deep pitting. With a clean-'n'-strip disc affixed to one of Harbor Freight's Central Pneumatic die grinders, we'll begin exploratory cleanup.



Believe it or not, this is after blasting with fresh 80-grit glass beads. The steel we'll attempt to repair is lookin' pretty thin.



With our rustiest section removed, this little set of Harbor Freight files comes in handy. As we can see, our steel is no longer 10 gauge in this area.



We like to keep an assortment of 18-gauge steel slugs around for patchin' different kinds of holes. This one has been shaped to match its surroundings.



Now here's a cool tool that's not from Harbor Freight. A junk screwdriver and a chunk o' brass are helpful as a backup for MIG welding such thin steel.



Keepin' it cool as not to burn through, Mrs. Rotten uses the same tool we've just seen. It'll be grind time fairly soon.



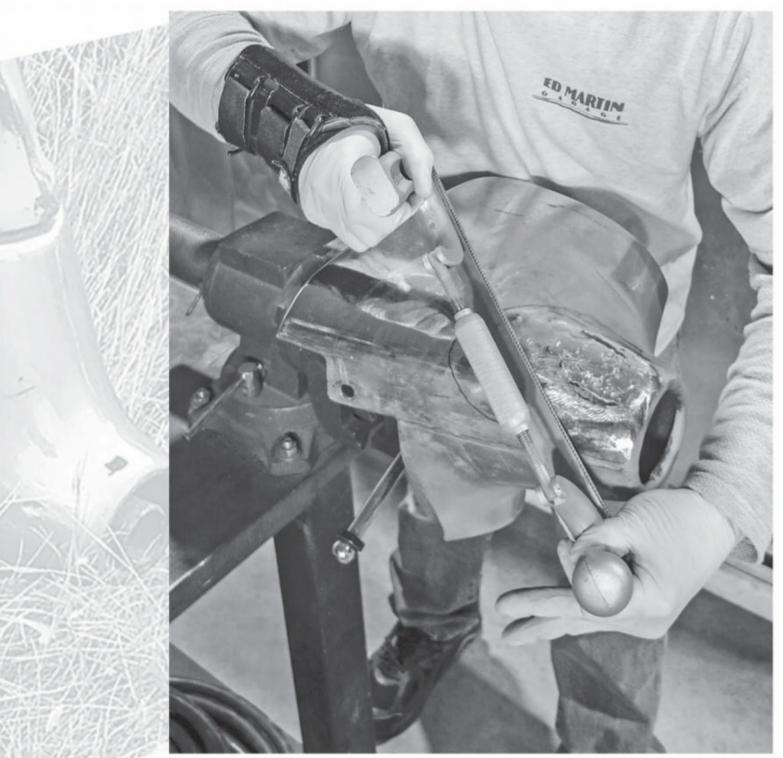
From a parkin' lot sale at Harbor Freight, many years ago, this little Central Pneumatic angle die grinder spins a worn 36-grit Roloc disc — and it's going just fine.

#### But wait! There's a twist....

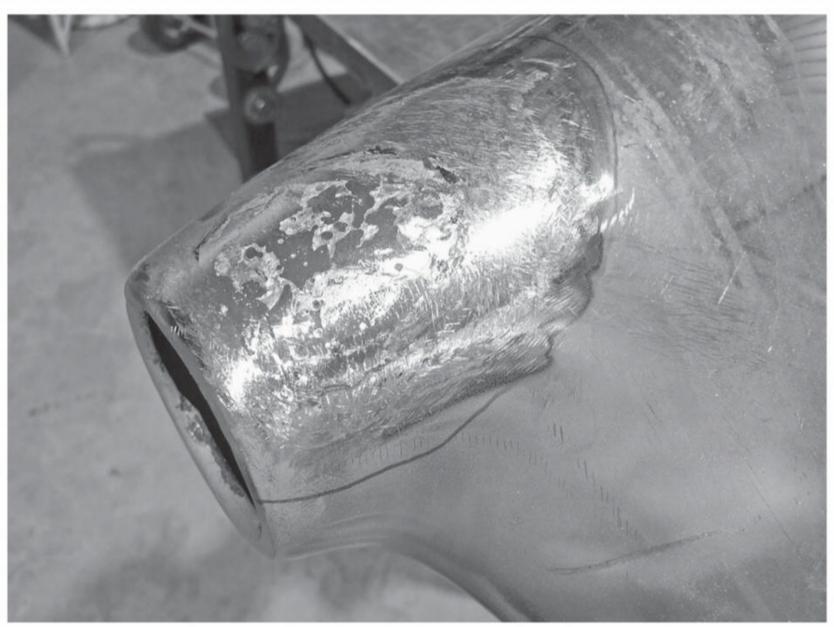
While grinding as we've seen, a tiny gap appeared at our 18-gauge steel patch's edge. Rusty as it is, the surrounding steel is thinner than the patch. We could do it differently, but I'm thinkin' we might braze over our repair. Brazing would fill in our tiny gap, along with any pinholes that MIG welding may have left behind. That sounds pretty good in theory, so Mrs. Rotten is willing to give brazing a go. On that note, here we go.



Here Mrs. Rotten is off to a good start brazing, but soon our thinner-than-18-gauge, rust-affected steel will show some distortion.



With a dull blade on an adjustable vixen file, we're leveling the high spots. At this point we can tell that our patch has sunken just a bit.



Well, we haven't beaten a failure, but we've certainly tried. From here we'll try again, and again, and as you might imagine, it'll only get worse as we go.



Suddenly, a light bulb comes on! Now let's look at the bright side. This bumper end won't look good on our friend's Cadillac, but it'll look great on his desk.

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# Calendar

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#### **SHOWS**

#### **ARKANSAS**

Sep 6-7 AR, Eureka Springs. 2019 Antique Automobile Festival Eureka Springs Antique Auto Show. Great Passion Play Grounds. 479-253-8737, www.antiqueautofest.com

#### **CALIFORNIA**

- Aug 23-25 CA, Pleasanton. Goodguys 33rd West Coast Nationals. Alameda County Fairgrounds. www.good-guys.com/2019events
- **Aug 24 CA**, Apple Valley. Apple Valley Firefighters Summer Burnout. 17772 Wikka Road. 2pm. Aaron 760-885-7546, www. iaff4742.com
- **Aug 24 CA**, Chico. 41st Chico Concours d'Elegance. concourschico@gmail.com, www.chicoconcours.com/
- Aug 25 CA, Oxnard. Oxnard Police Department Carshow. 251 S. C Street. 10am-3pm. Registration \$25. www.draggteam.org

- **Aug 25 CA**, Hesperia. Auto Parts Swapmeet. 17578 Eucalyptus Ave. 6am-3pm. free. Jim 760-995-3999, www.socalcarculture. com
- **Aug 31 CA**, Lakeview Terrace. Moonlite Customs and the Yakety Yaks 1st Annual Car Show. Hansen Dam Park 11770 Foothill Blvd. 7am-3pm. 661-839-6362
- **Sep 7 CA**, Playa Del Ray. 20th Anniversary Westchester Elks Car Show & Chili Cook Off. 8025 Westchester Blvd. 9am-3pm. Register by September 1 \$25, after \$30. Car Show – Lisa 818-441-3488, Chili Cook Off – Deven 310-383-6799, www. westchesterelks.com
- **Sep 7 CA**, Fresno. 2019 Rods on the Bluff. Park Place Shopping Center – 7775-7785 N. Palm Ave. 5:30-8:30pm. Registration \$5. Anthony Granata 559-825-6808, www.hotrodcoalition.com/rods-on-the-bluff/, info@hotrodcoalition.com
- **Sep 7 CA**, Romona. 7th Annual Romona Rod Roundup. Calvary Chapel – 114 14th

- Street #D. register before Aug. 30 \$20, after \$25. Brian Storym 760-239-1450, restorationranch@cox.net
- **Sep 8 CA**, Long Beach. Long Beach Hi Performance Swap Meet. Veteran's Memorial Stadium. 6am-1pm. 800-762-9785
- Sep 14 CA, Colton. Variety Inland Empire Car & Motorcycle Show. American Legion Post 155 – 1401 Veterans Way. 10am-3pm. Mike 951-351-7654, Angie 951-208-8350, Geno 909-644-0168, Greg 909-222-7373
- **Sep 14 CA**, Paramount. Hynes D.E.S. Hot Rod and Bike Show. Hynes D.E.S. Portuguese Hall, 7812 Alondra Blvd. SH: 8am-2pm. HynesCarShow@yahoo.com
- **Sep 15 CA,** Buena Park. Pickers Paradise Swap Meet. Gary 714-299-1776, garyoccarguy@gmail.com
- **Sep 21 CA**, Long Beach. 15th Annual JCCS(Japanese Classic Car Show). Marina Green Park 386 E Shoreline Drive.

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- 9am-3pm. www.japaneseclassiccarshow. com, , www.facebook.com/Japaense-ClassicCarShow/, www.instagram.com/ japaneseclassiccarshow/
- **Sep 22 CA**, Montecito. 8th Annual Montecito Motor Classic. on Coast Village Road. 9am-3pm. www.montecitomotorclassic. com
- **Sep 28 CA**, Costa Mesa. Cruisin' For a Cure. Orange County Fair & Exposition Center 88 Fair Drive. 6am-4pm. Under 12 free. Parking \$9. www.cruisinforacure.com/
- **Sep 29 CA**, Hesperia. Auto Parts Swapmeet. 17578 Eucalyptus Ave. 6am-3pm. free. Jim 760-995-3999, www.socalcarculture. com
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- Oct 6 CA, Santee. Charger Steve's Magic Car Autofest. 668 Main Street. 9:30am-1:30pm. Registration \$30. www.carshowcalifornia.com
- Oct 6 CA, Lodi. Nor Cal Olds Club Annual Micke Grove Oldsmobile Car Show & Picnic. Micke Grove Park. 8am-2pm. Registration \$30, this is pot luck, without food \$10 entry. Bring your own beverages. Jeff Stanish 408-529-6209, Denis La Centra 510-299-1403
- Oct 11-13 CA, Madera. 2019 Valley Nationals, Reliability Run & Swap Meet. Madera Fairgrounds 1850 West Cleveland Ave. Oct. 11: Evening time TBD (social), Oct. 12: 8am-4pm (main event), Oct. 13: 8am-1pm (Reliability Run). Pre-registration \$30, On-site registration \$40. Swap Meet Registration: \$20 (20×20), Ron 209-996 9792, ron@bigturlockswap.com, vendor registration: \$100 (10×10), \$200 (10×20), \$250 (10×30), Whitney Frank, whitney@hotrodcoalition.com
- Oct 12 CA, Van Nuys. Valley Relics Museum Racing History Series: History of Paramount Ranch and San Fernando Dragstrip. 10:30am-1:30pm. Valley Relics Museum 7900 Balboa Blvd. 559-760-1143, www.racinghistoryproject.com
- Oct 13 CA, Pomona. Pomona Swap Meet & Classic Car Show. 1101 W. McKinley Ave. 5am-2pm. Registration \$25, late models \$100, Pre-'31 free. www.pomonaswapmeet.com

#### **COLORADO**

**Sep 6-8 CO,** Loveland. Goodguys 22nd Colorado Nationals. The Ranch Events Complex, www.good-guys.com/2019events

#### CONNECTICUT

- Sep 8 CT, Manchester. 40th Annual MCCNE Mustang & Fords power Show. Mustangs Unlimited 440 Adams Street. 9am-3:30pm. Registration \$20 (\$15 MCCNE members). www.mccne.com
- Sep 8 CT, South Windsor. 6th Annual Connecticut Classic Car Show. 133 Connecticut Military Corvette Club Inc. South Windsor Court. 9am-noon. Registration \$10 donation. Ihlovering@gmail.com
- Sep 8 CT, Brooklyn. Yankee Yesteryear Car Club's 60th Annual Car Show & Swap Meet. Brooklyn Fairgrounds – 15 Fairgrounds Rd. Gates open at 9am. Registration \$10. Vend space \$25. Bob Dumas 860-705-9514, www.yycc.org
- Sep 15 CT, Naugatuck. 3rd Annual St. Vincent Ferrer Car Show. St. Vincent Church 1006 New Haven Road. 12-4pm. Registration \$10. Tony 203-768-3486
- Sep 15 CT, New Canaan. Caffeine & Carburetors. Downtown Pine & Elm Streets.
  7-11:30 am. www.caffeineandcarburetors. com.Instagram and Facebook @caffeineandcarburetors, Twitter @caffeineandcarb
- **Sep 21 CT**, Chester. 5th Annual Cruise, Blues & Brews Festival. Chester Fairgounds 11 Kirtland Terrace. 10am-4pm. Registration \$15. www.cruisebluesandbrews.com
- **Sep 21 CT**, New Britain. 27th Annual Klingberg Vintage Motorcar Series Show. Klingberg Family Centers 370 Linwood Street. 9am-2pm. www.KlingbergMotorcarSeries.org
- **Sep 22 CT**, Simsbury. 33rd Annual Simsbury Fly-In, Car Show & Food Truck Festival. Simsbury Airport. 8am-5pm. www.simsburyflyin.com
- Sep 29 CT, Wallingford. 36th Annual Chapter All Pontiac, Oakland and GMC Fall Car Show. Barbarian Nissan at Masonic Ave. 9am-3pm. Adv. Reg.\$8, day of show \$10 Oaklands free. www.nutmegchapterpoci. com or Mike 203-266-7089, Noel 860-868-7723
- Oct 6 CT, Middletown. Middletown County Historical Society 34th Annual Car Show & Flea Market. Bernie O'Rourke Drive. 860-346-0746.
- Oct 6 CT, New Hartford. 14th Annual Cartoberfest Car Show. Hurley Park Farmington River 34 Greenwoods Road. 10am 3pm.

#### **DELAWARE**

Sep 14 DE, Newark. 3rd Annal Brookside Fall Car, Truck & Motorcycle Show. Brookside Community Maintenance Building – 390 East Chestnut Hill Road. 9am-4pm. Registration \$15. www.facebook.com/ events/667064930392915/

#### **FLORIDA**

**Aug 24 FL**, Sebring. Battle at the Bridge Drag Racing. Sebring International Raceway. 5pm

- **Sep 1 FL**, Bushnell. Auto Swap Meet, Car Corral & Car Show. Sumter County Fairgounds. 8am-3pm. 727-848-7171, www. floridaswapmeets.com
- Sep 14-15 FL, West Palm Beach. Palm Beach Car Show & Swap Meet. South Florida Fairgrounds – 9067 Southern Blvd. 954-205-7813, www.SouthFLCarSwapMeets. com, info@SouthFLCarSwapMeets.com
- Sep 15 FL, Ponte Vedra Beach. 2019 Ponte Vedra Auto Show. Nocatee Event Field – 245 Nocatee Center Way. www.sjcchamber.com/pv-auto-show-info
- Oct 6 FL, Bushnell. Sumter Swap Meet. Sumter County Fairgrounds -7620 S. R. 47. 8am-3pm. Joann at 727-848-7171 or 727-534-7433, www.floridaswapmeets. com
- Oct 12 FL, Navarre. 19th Annual Navarre Beach Car, Truck, Bike Show & Craft Fair. Navarre Beach. 8am.

#### **GEORGIA**

- **0ct 5 GA**, Atlanta. Roswell Motoring Festival. 10am-2pm.770-645-6844, Atl\_Motoring-Fest@ATT.net, www.atlmotoringfest.org/
- Oct 6 GA, Covington. 27th Annual Cars of the Past Covington Car Show. 1124 Clark Street – Covington Square. 8am-4pm. Pre-register \$20, day of show \$25. 770-648-5087, covingtoncarshow@rotarycovington.org

#### **ILLINOIS**

- Aug 26 IL, Skokie. Buick/Olds/Pontiac/Caddy Night Classic Car Show. Westfield Old Orchard Mall – 4905 Old Orchard Center. Sign in 5pm, Show 6-9pm. Registration \$5, www.mondaynightcarshows.com
- Sep 2 IL, Skokie. Labor Day Classic Car Show. Westfield Old Orchard Mall – 4905 Old Orchard Center. Sign in 5pm, Show 6-9pm. Registration \$5, www.mondaynightcarshows.com
- **Sep 7 IL**, Springfield. 69th Secretary of State Vehicle Show. Downtown. Registration begins at 7am. autoshow@ilos.net
- Sep 8 IL, Deerfield. Deerfield Area Historical Society's Vintage Car Show and Fall Festival at Deerfield Historic Village, 450 Kipling Place. 12-4pm. Admission free.

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- **Sep 14-15 IL**, Chicago. The Classic Auto Show. Stephens Convention Center. www.theclassicautoshow.com/chicago
- **Sep 21 IL**, Glenview. Coffee, Classics and Connections. Glenview Bank & Trust Parking Lot 99 Waukegan Road. 9-11am. http://centerofconcern.org/coffee-classics-connections/
- **Sep 29 IL**, Wheaton. 74th Illinois Plastic Kit & Toy Show. DuPage County Fairgrounds 2015 W. Manchester Rd. 9am-2pm. 630-969-1847
- Oct 6 IL, Joliet. 11th Annual Route 66 Raceway Swapmeet. 3200 S. Chicago Street. 8am-1pm. Vend or car sale \$20, Vend info Rodney Brockman 815-478-3633, general info 888-629-7223
- Oct 13 IL, Chicago. Historic Pullman Annual Car Show. 11141 S. Cottage Grove. 10am-3pm. tmac639@sbcglobal.net

#### **INDIANA**

- Aug 24 IN, Logansport. Dentzel Carousel 100th Anniversary Car Show. 1208 Riverside Drive. 10am-4pm. Registration \$10. www.casscountycarousel.com/location/574-721-5984
- Aug 24-27 IN, Auburn. 2019 Central National Meet. Early Ford V-8 Museum, www.2019cnm.com, www.efv8.org
- Sep 18 IN, Angola. 7th Annual Cruise to the Monument Car Show. Historic Downtown Angola, Indiana at the crossroads of US20 and Old Hwy 27. Parking starts at 4pm. www.angolain.org/events/cruiseto-themonument

#### **IOWA**

- Aug 23-24 IA, Cedar Rapids. Ford Galaxie National Meet. Downtown. Open to all 1959-1974 Ford Galaxies. Show 9am-3pm. Banquet/Awards held in evening. Pre-registration \$20, banquet dinner \$35/plate.www.galaxieclub. com/events.html, www.facebook.com/events/323146541825581/, Eric Magayne 319-310-4516, or eric.magayne@gmail.com
- **Sep 6-8 IA**, Greenfield. Early Wheels of lowa 57th Swap Meet. Adair County Fairgrounds. Vend spaces outdoor \$30, Indoor \$20, Admission Free. Andrea Woodruff 402-699-5093

#### **KENTUCKY**

**0ct 11-13 KY,** Lexington. Goodguys 2nd Kentucky Nationals. Kentucky Horse Park. www.good-guys.com/2019-events

#### **MARYLAND**

Sep 29 MD, Abingdon. Buick Owners to Maryland 33rd Annual All GM Show. Boyle Buick-GMC Truck – 3015 Emmorton Rd. 9:30am-2:30pm. Register by Sep 1 \$12, day of show \$15. Raymond Price 410-812-8477, rprice2@netzero.net, Craig Bober 443-904-4200

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

- Aug 24 MA, Hudson. Push Rods Steel Rod & Custom Show. Hudson Elks Pavilion 99 Park Street. 1-8pm. registration \$10, . pushrods29@verizon.net
- Sep 8 MA, Peppered. 1A Auto Charity Car Show. Peppered Town Field – 4 Hollis Street. 9am-2pm. Registration \$15 (cash only). www.facebook.com/ events/309088426646329/
- Oct 6 MA, Devens. 39th Annual MCCNE Fall All Wheels Car Show & Swap Meet. Devens Town Common. 9am-3:30pm. Registration \$20 (\$15 MCCNE members). www.mccne.com
- Oct 19 MA, Brookline. Larz Anderson Extinct Car Day. 15 Newton Street. Online registration \$10, Day of Show \$15. https:// larzanderson.org/extinct/
- Oct 19 MA, Middleboro. 20th Annual New England Speed Meeting "Gathering of the Faithful". Pierce Playground – 26 Jackson Street. 9am-3pm. www.autonetnewengland.com, jackwegman@verizon.net, 508-888-3103

#### **MICHIGAN**

- Aug 22-24 MI, Grand Rapids. Cadillac Allante-XLR Invitational. XCAr Show on Aug 24 9am-4pm. Harvey Automotive Group. allantexlrinvitational.com
- **Aug 23-25 MI**, Hastings. 16th Annual PAS Gathering at the Gilmore. Dave Stevens 231-740-6610, davenstevens@msn.com
- **Aug 24 MI**, Hickory Corners. Hurst/Oldsmobile Show. Gilmore Car Museum 6865 Hickory Road. www.gilmorecarmuseum. org
- **Aug 25 MI**, Hickory Corners. Pierce-Arrow Gathering at the Gilmore. Gilmore Car Museum 6865 Hickory Road. www. ailmorecarmuseum.org
- **Aug 31-Sep 1 MI**, Marshall. Big Dogg's House of Hot Rods Car Show, Music Celebration & Vendor Market. Calhoun County Fairgrounds. www.bdpnetwork.com, 517-867-1090.
- Sep 8 MI, Hickory Corners. Muscle Car Plus Show & Swap Meet. Gilmore Car Museum – 6865 Hickory Road. www. gilmorecarmuseum.org
- **Sep 14 MI**, Tucumseh. Ididit's 2019 Car Show & Open House. 610 Maumee Street. 9am-3pm. www.ididitinc.com
- Sep 15 MI, Chelsea. 2019 St. Louis Center Car Show. 16195 W. Old US Hwy. 12. 9am-3pm. Registation \$15. Cindy Lesser 734-475-8430, cindyl@stlouiscenter.org
- **Sep 21 MI**, Hickory Corners. Ford Model A Day. Gilmore Car Museum – 6865 Hickory Road. www.gilmorecarmuseum.org
- **Sep 21 MI**, Fowlerville. Hearse Fest. Fowlerville Fairgrounds 8800 W. Grand River Ave. Opens at 10am. justhearsenaroound.com

- Sep 21 MI, Allendale. Hallandale Fall Festival Car Show. Hallandale Community Park – 11069 68th Ave. Reg 9:30-11am, Show 11am-3pm. Auto Body Xperts 6161-669-6692, marketingcoordinator@autobodyxperts.com
- Sep 21-22 MI, Midland. Michigan Antique Festivals Classic Car Show & Swap Meet. Midland County Fairgrounds – 6905 Eastman Ave. Sat. 8am-6pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. Early bird shopping pass on Friday before show \$15. www.miantiquefestival.com
- Sep 27-28 MI, Hickory Corners. Cadillac-La-Salle Club Museum Fall Festival. Gilmore Car Museum – 6865 Hickory Road. www. gilmorecarmuseum.org

#### **MINNESOTA**

- **Sep 14 MN,** Lakeland. 5th Annual Gary Jackson Memorial Charity Car Show. Bungalow Inn Bar & Grill. 9am-3pm. Registration \$5, streetrodder49@msn.com
- Sep 15 MN, St. Paul. Auto Restorers Club of Southern Minnesota 43rd Annual Car Show & Swap Meet.Nicollet County Fairgrounds. 6am-3:30pm. Registration \$15. Swap Meet by September 4 \$25, day of shoe \$35, Car Corral \$20. http://clubs.hemmings.com/autorestorers
- Sep 15 MN, St. Peter. 43rd Car Show & Swap Meet. Nicollet County Fairgrounds. 6am-3pm. Registration \$15, Swap pre-register \$20, at gate \$25, indoor space \$30. http://clubs.hemmings.com/autorestorers
- **Sep 29 MN,** St. Paul. 49th Annual Midwest Fall Swapmeet & Car Show. Minnesota State Fairgrounds. 7:30am-4pm www. midwestswapmeet.com or 952-994-3225.

#### **MISSOURI**

- **Sep 7 M0,** Parksville. Dust Bowl Jamboree Vintage Car Poker Run. FivePlatte County Parks (Departs at noon – returns to Parkville). Facebook/DustBowlJamboree, James A Spawn 816-421-1991
- Sep 13-14 M0, Fulton. Fall Willys Jeep Reunion & Swap Meet. Auto World Museum – 200 Peacock Drive. Contact Art & Darlene Gloss 573-491-9921 4wdjeep@ mail.com, Jeff Petrowich 217-246-5438, jpet@willysreuinon.com, www.willysreunion.com
- Sep 14 M0, Troy. Trinity Lutheran Church Car Show. 1307 Boone Street. 10am-3pm. Registration \$20. Bryan Gooding, Chair 636-297-1328 or Jim Lalumondiere, Co-Chair 636-290-2535
- Sep 21 M0, Nevada. Second Annual Nevada Veterans Car & Truck Show. 510 N. Centennial Blvd. 9am-2pm. Registration \$20. Doug Thomas 816-690-8131 cdthomasret@gmail.com
- Oct 18 -19 M0, Carthage. 39th Annual Carthage Maple Leaf Car Show, Swap Meet & Cruise Night. Friday Cruise – On Historic Carthage Square – 302 South Main Street. 6-9pm. Saturday Car Show – CMR – 1900 South Grand Ave. 8am-5pm.

Register by October 1st \$10, after \$15. Swap Meet & Car Corral on Friday at 1900 South Grand Ave. noon – 6pm. & Saturday 8am-5pm. Car Show Info: Larry – 417-825-6773, Alan – 620-856-2020, Contact Randy at 417-850-5933 for Swap Meet: (\$25), Car Corral (\$5) information. Register on line atwww.mapleleafcarshow.com, mapleleafcarshow@gmail. com, Facebook at Maple Leaf Carshow.

#### **MONTANA**

- Aug 24 MT, Billings. All Euro Car Show. Veterans Park. 9am-3pm. www.facebook.com/ alleurocarshomt
- **Aug 24 MT**, Boulder. Boulder Car Show. City Park. 9am-3pm. www.boulderchamber. org, 406-465-2106
- Aug 30-Sep 2 MT, Great Falls. 40th International Mustang Meet. Central Ave. www. russellcountryfordandmustagnclub. com40-imm.html, Rick George 406-899-1627, rcfordandmustangclub@gmail.com
- Aug 31 MT, Hamilton. Rumble in the Root. Lolo, MT Poker Cruise to Darby. 8am-5pm. Cliff Bailey 406-961-3136, bcliff896@gmail.com
- **Aug 31 MT**, Polson. 3rd Annual Cruizin' the Flathead Poker Run. Around Flathead Lake. 10am-5pm. Bill Johnson 406-396-1488, Richard Santomo 406-529-6849
- **Sep 7 MT**, Miles City. High Plains Car Show. Riverside Park. 8am-2:30pm.
- **Sep 7 MT**, Lewistown. Chokecherry Car Show. Main Street – Courthouse Block. 9am-3pm. Dan Stilson 406-366-5750
- **Sep 14 MT**, Billings. Ra Ra's Show n' Shine. 2miles east of Blue Basket on Hwy. 212. 10am-3pm
- **Sep 14 MT**, Lincoln. Lambkins Car Show. Lambkins of Lincoln – 2316 Lincoln Springs. 9am – closing. Marge 406-362-4460, Lambkins 406-362-4380
- **0ct 5 MT**, Huntley. 6th C4RV Chance Car Show. Huntley Project Veterans Park 1613 Northern Ave. 8am-10pm. John or tame 406-348-2430

#### **NEVADA**

Sep 21-22 NV, Pahrump. 3rd Edition Top Notch Car Show. 3591 W. Bell Vista Ave.



Register by Sep. 1 \$40. 775-751-1007, pahrumpcarshow@gmail.com, www. topnotchrepairs.us/carshow2019

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**Sep 7 NH,** Concord. 34th Annual Concord NH Kiwanis Antique & Classic Car Show. NH Technical Institute. 8am-3:30pm. Registration \$15. Chris 603-224-1504, www. ConcordKiwnis.org

#### **NEW JERSEY**

- Sep 7 NJ, Seaside Heights. 40th Annual Vintage Automobile Club of Ocean County Classic Car Show. 1000 Bay Blvd. 9 am-3 pm. Pre-register by Aug. 31 \$12, John Mahoney 732-244-4984 or Everett Ross 732-269-4560. www.vintageautoclubnj. org
- **Sep 19-22 NJ**, Wildwood. Fall Boardwalk Classic Car Show. Wildwood's Boardwalk. Registration \$55. www.wildwoodmotoreventsnj.com, Alethea@Wildwood-MotorEventsNJ.com
- Sep 19-22 NJ, Wildwood. Wildwoods Indoor Vendor & Swap Meet Extravaganza. Wildwood Convention Center – 1 South Route 47. 609-522-4546 ext. 3, www. wildwoodmotoreventsnj.com, Alethea@ WildwoodMotorEventsNJ.com
- Sep 26-29 NJ, Freehold. Vintage Thunderbird International 2019 Annual Convention. Radisson Hotel. Thunderbirds of all years welcome. Jim Cappuzzo mseries 63 tbird@aol.com, www.vintagethunderbirdclub.net/
- **Sep 27-29 NJ**, Wilwood. Monster Truck Beach Races. www.wildwoodmotoreventsnj.com, Alethea@WildwoodMotorEventsNJ.com
- Sep 29 NJ, Augusta. Metro Jersey Chapter 29th Anniversary Truck Show. Skylines Stadium – 94 Championship Place. 9am-3pm. Bill Wagner 973-214-7629, Tom Amaducci 973-687-8833, Scott Baker 201-512-0056, Flea Market space George Petrask 862-241-9237

#### **NEW YORK**

- Aug 25 NY, St. James. Long Island Cars Super Swap Sunday Car Show & Swap. Flower field Fairgrounds – Route 25A. 631-567-5898 or LongIslandCars.com
- Aug 26 NY, Port Washington. Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Queens Chapter FunDay Monday Annual Antique Car Show. North Hempstead Beach Park 175 West Shore Road. 10am-2pm. Howie Fishman 516-662-9379, hfishman52@aol. com
- Sep 1 NY, Picnic. 30th Annual Boy Scout Car Show. Picnic Lane School. 9am-4pm. Pre-register \$15, at gate \$20, car for sale \$20, vend \$30. (631) 298-5757, skabrysr@ aol.com
- **Sep 8 NY**, Hicksville. New York AutoFest Hicksville Fire Dept. Car Show & Chili Cookoff. Sears parking lot . 8am-4pm. Registration \$25. 516-882-5022, info@

- nyautofest.com, www.nyautofest.com
- Sep 8 NY, Wampsville. New York Model A Ford Club's 59th Antique Car Show, Car Corral, Flea Market. Fireman's Field. Registration Register 8am-noon. William Kritzler 315-736-1928, jandb911s@gmail. com, http://mohicanmodela.weebly.com/
- Sep 11 NY, St. Albans. Vintage Chevrolet Club of America Queens County Region Antique Car Show. 1994 and older. The New York State Veteran's Home – 178-50 Linden Blvd. Gates open at 7am. Registration \$10. Howie 516-662-9379, hfishman52@aol.com
- Sep 13 NY, Grahamsville. Any Make, Any Model Cruise tot he Neversink Roundabout a the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Antique Machinery Association Show. Meet at the Tr-Valley School front parking lot to cruise to show at 9:30am. Tom Matthews 845-985-7162 or Carl Smith 845-798-8788 AMAMCC
- Sep 13 NY, East Setauket. Alternatives for Children 23rd Annual Classic & Sports Car Rally. Starting line Alternatives for Children in Dix Hills, Finish Line Long Island Yacht Club in South Babylon. For all pricing and info Susan Ennis at 631-331-6400, ext. 229. Register @ www.alternativesforchildren.org/road-rally.html, www.facebook.com/events/320332578657895/
- Sep 19-22 NY, Hyde Park. Lincoln & Continental Owners Club's Eastern National Meet. https://lcoc.org/event/2019-eastern-national-meet/, Owen Clarke at 845-889-8891, Clarketrustee@msn.com.
- **Sep 22 NY, Hudson**. 35th Annual Croton Rotary Auto Show. Croton Harmon Train Station. 11am-4pm. Pre-register by September 13 \$15, after \$15. Mark Franzoso 914-490-2137, mark@franzoso.com

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

- Oct 5 NC, Maggie Valley. NW Georgia Mustang Club's 46th Annual Shelby, Mustang & Ford Maggie Valley Car Show. Maggie Valley Festival Ground – 3374 Soco Road. 8:30am-3pm. Registration \$2. Steve Harrison 404-427-2264, steve66shelby@gmail.com, www.facebook. com/pages/Northeast-Georgia-Mustang-Club/192962149084
- Oct 5 NC, Asherville. Southeast Willys Jeep Get Together. 10am-3pm. Will(ys) Springer www.SoutheastWillysJeepGetTogether. com, ewills@SoutheastWillysJeepGet-Together.com, 828-687-0334
- Oct 17-19 NC, Charlotte. Hornets Nest Region AACA Fall Charlotte AutoFair. Charlotte Motor Speedway. www.charlotte-autofair.com
- Oct 18-19 NC, Henderson. Show, Shine, Shag & Dine Car Show. Sponsored and hosted by Vance County Tourism Development Authority www.kerrlake-nc.com or 866-438-4565
- Oct 18-19 NC, Concord. Goodguys 26th Southeastern Nationals. Charlotte Motor

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Speedway. www.good-guys.com/2019-events

#### OHIO

- Aug 24 0H, Tallmadge. 27th Annual Studebaker-Packard-Independent car show at Summit Racing Equipment, 1200 Southeast Ave. Tallmadge, OH 44278. 11am-4pm, sponsored by Ohio Region Studebaker Drivers Club for all Independent car brands. contact Larry at 330-540-0542 or Isherer@embarqmail.com
- Sep 1 0H, Columbus. 35th Annual All Pontiac Indian Uprising. Quaker Steak & Lube 8500 Lyra Drive. 8am-4pm. Registration \$15. Ron Cozzo 740-777-1135, rcozzo@ earthlink.net, Kevin Russo 740-549-2279, krusso\_sp@hotmail.com
- Sep 1 0H, Duncan Falls. 26th Annual Antique & Classic Cart Show. 397 Oak Street. 10:30am-4:30pm. 740-674-4444, dfvfd1@ rrohio.com
- **Sep 11-14 0H**, Mansfield. Studebaker Drivers Club International Meet. studeguy54@ gmail.com
- Sep 13-15 0H, Canfield. Dave & Ed's Super Auto Events- Canfield Swap Meet, Car Corral and Sunday Casual Car Show. Held at Canfield Mahoning County Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana Canfield Rd, 330-477-8506
- **Sep 13-15 0H**, Springfield. Cars & Parts Springfield Swap Meet & Car Show. Clark County Fairgrounds. 937-376-0111, www. ohioswapmeet.com
- **0ct 12 0H**, Hilliard. Trunk or Treat Car Show. Hilliard Presbyterian Church – 3600 Leap Road. 11am – 3pm. Registration \$10. www.facebook.com/pages/Empty-Pockets-Cruisers/736240299835729?ref=hl.

#### **OKLAHOMA**

Oct 17-19 OK, Chickasha. Chickasha 51st Annual Swap Meet. 712 East Choctaw Ave. 10am-3pm. Reserved Spaces \$40. 405-224-6552

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

- **Aug 22-25 PA**, Carlisle. Corvettes at Carlisle. Carlisle Fairgrounds/Expo Center. www. carlisleevents.com
- Aug 25 PA, Madera. Madera Fire Company Car Show. 2720 Main Street. 10am-4pm. Registration \$10. (814)505-7876 or email melscarshows@gmail.com
- Aug 25 PA, Souderton. Living Branches Car Show. Souderton Mennonite Homes 207 W. Summit Street. 7:30am-2:15pm. Register by August 23 \$10, Day of event \$15. Deborah Bell at 215-368-4438, deborah.bell@livingbranches.org or at 215-368-4438 extension 44110, www. livingbranches.org/.../souderton-mennonite-homes/souderton-men.
- **Sep 1 PA**, Bristol. 6th Annual Nirvana Family Fitness Center Car Show. Nirvana Fitness Center – 1222 New Rodgers Road. 9am-3pm. Registration \$20. Admis-

- sion free. Bobbi (h) 215-752-0484, (C) 215-820-3276 or www.movinonkruzers.commovin'onkruzers@inbox.com
- Sep 14 PA, Philadelphia. 3rd Annual PJP marketplace Superstore Car Show. Shellys Plaza 8690 Frankford Ave. 9am-3pm. Registration \$20, Bobbi (H) 215-752-0484, (C) 215-820-3276, movinonkruzers.com, kruzers@inbox.com
- **Sep 14 PA**, Foglesville. Petrifies Fifth Annual Fall Car Picnic. 2934 Grundsau Ct. Meet starts at 11am. Liz RSVP 908-906-7122, petridis@prodigy.net
- **Sep 14 PA**, Patton. Tackett's Repair Shop Car Show. Janesville Dam at Mountz Memorial Park. 10am-4pm. Registration \$10. 814-505-7876 or email melscarshows@ gmail.com
- Sep 22 PA, Hershey. Annual Corvair Day Swap Meet & Corvair Show. AACA Museum, 161 Museum Dr., 17033. some events have a fee. Free to the public. Contact Earl Holmes, 717-991-7341 or earlzgames@comcast.net
- **Oct 2-6 PA**, Carlisle. Fall Carlisle. Carlisle Fairgrounds/Expo Center. www.carlisleevents.com
- Oct 5 PA, Ivyland. 7th Annual "Tony's Place Car Show" 1297 Greeley Ave. at Bristol Rd. 9am-3pm. Registration \$20. Bobbi (H) 215-752-0484, (C) 215-820-3276 or Joe Ameci (office) 215-354-0875, E-Mail movin'onkruzers@inbox.com, www.movinonkruzers.com
- Oct 9-12 PA, Hershey. Hershey AACA Eastern Fall Nationals. Hershey park Stadium and the Giant Center. 717-566-7720, hr@hersheyaaca.org, http://hershey.aaca.com/
- Oct 13 PA, Downington. 17th Annual All Oldsmobile Fall Show. Kerr Park. 9am-3pm. Pre-reg \$10, Day of show \$15. http://clubs.hemmings.com/delvaloldsclub/

#### **RHODE ISLAND**

Oct 13 RI, Hartford. RISRA 44th Annual "Toys for Tots" Fun Run. Johnston War Memorial Park – 1583 Hartford Ave. Registration – 1 new unwrapped toy, 2 cans of food. 401-499-9877, https://www.ristreetrod-

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#### **TEXAS**

- Sep 13-15 TX, Fort Worth. 52nd Annual Southwest Swap Meet. Texas Motor Speedway. www.southwestswapmeet. com, Gary & Suzy Page 469-463-6277, info@southwestswapmeet.com
- **Sep 27-29 TX**, Ft. Worth. Goodguys 27th Summit Racing Lone Star Nationals. Texas Motor Speedway. www.good-guys. com/2019-events
- Oct 19 TX, Westlake. Ninth Annual Westlake Classic Car Show. Original or restored vehicles from 1900-1959 (no Hot Rods or Customs) 2902 Sam School Road. 11am-4pm. Pre-register \$25, day of show \$30. jgreenwood@westlake-tx.org or text to 817-680-1422.

#### **VERMONT**

Sep 22 VT, Bristol. Better L8 Than Never Car Show. Bristol Recreation Field – 110 Airport Drive. 9am-4pm. www.BetterL8ThanNever.com, www.facebook. com/events/356147988439917/

#### **VIRGINIA**

**Sep 14 VA,** Leesburg. 32nd Annual Leesburg Car Show. Downtown. 12-4pm. Registration \$20, www.lcps.org/domain/26427

#### WASHINGTON

- Aug 31 WA, Tacoma. LeMay 42nd Annual Show. 9am-5pm. 325 152nd Street East. www.lemaymarymount.org
- **Sep 20-21 WA**, Chehalis. 54th Annual Harvest Swap Meet. Vend Spaces, \$40, www. CCVAC.com. or call 360-273-6961

#### WISCONSIN

- Aug 24 WI, Merrillan. Merrillan Lions Summer Picnic & Car Show. Gile Memorial Park. 10am-3pm. Vend \$10, Registration \$10. Picnic info Dale 715-333-5105, car show Bill 715-896-3340, www.facebook.com/ merrillanlions/
- **Sep 8 WI**, Saukville. 32nd Annual Saukville in September Car, Truck & Vintage Snowmobile Show. Grady Park. Call Lou 262-284-5800, pleasantvalleyautobody@yahoo.com
- Sep 13-14 WI, Wisconsin Dells. Dash to the Dells 30 1948-1972 Ford F-100 Truck Show. Register by August 12 \$30, After August 12 \$35. Vend space \$35. Mike Conner 608-513-4856, mikesfine56@ gmail.com, Registration Theresa Sonn sonnshine62@gmail.com
- **Sep 13-15 WI**, Elkhart Lake. Road America Art on Wheels Weekend VSCDA Elkhart Lake Vintage Festival. 800-365-7223, www.roadamerica.com
- **Sep 15 WI,** Beloit. 43rd Beloit Autorama Car Show, Parts Swap, Car Corral, Arts & Crafts. Beloit Preservation Park. 8am-4pm. www.beloitautorama.com
- Sep 21 WI, Okauchee. Pack-O-Rats Speed

Club 3rd Annual Fully Blown Car & Bike Show. Okauchee Lions Park -N49W34400 E. Wisconsin Ave. 8am-4pm. www.facebook.com/packroratz/

Sep 21 WI, Cross Plains. 37th Annual The Hill & Valley Antique Auto & Americana Show. Baer Park. Registration \$10. Don Chandler 608-513-8254, 608-798-3040, John Riley 608-770-5646, john@sullivandesignbuild.com

Sep 27-29 WI, Jefferson. 42nd Annual Fall Jefferson Automotive Swap Meet & Car Show. Jefferson County Fairgrounds. 608-244-8416, www.madisonClassics.com

Sep 29 WI, Green Lake. Jack Taylor Memorial Car Show Harvest Fest. www.visitgreenlake.com, 800-253-7354

Oct 6 WI, Shawano. Shawano Flea Market Car Show. Shawn County Fairgrounds – 990 W Green Bay Street. 7am-4pm. 715-526-9789, www.zurkopromotions.com

Oct 13 WI, Janesville. 11th Annual Back Bar Car Show. 1901 Beloit Ave.

#### **AUCTIONS**

**AUGUST** 

Aug 24 VT. Willston. Collector & Classic Car Auction. 131 Dorset Lane. www.thcauction.com, chris@thcauction.com

Aug 24-25 NE, Lodgepole. Lodgepole Restoration Sale. cars, parts, and equipment. Chrysler, Chevy, and Ford www.michaelauction.com/

Aug 29-Sep 1 IN, Auburn. Fall Auburn. www. rmsothebys.com

Aug 30-31 IN, Auburn. Worldwide's 12th Annual Auburn Auction. www.worldwideauctioneers.com, 260-925-6789

Aug 31 M0, Springfield, Collector car auction. Ozark Empire E-Plex, 3001 N. Grant, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Smith Auctions 1-800-861-7648, www.smithauctionsllc.com

Aug 31- Sep 1 WA, Tacoma. Lucky Vehicle Auction. 325 152nd Street East. preview 9-10:30am, auction 10:30am. www. luckvoldcar.com

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Sep 7 CO, Loveland. Specialty Auto Auction with Goodguys Classic Car Auction. Bud-Alan "AB" Butcher 253-802-2450, 970-

Sep 14 IA, Red Oak. Coyote Johnson Collection Auction. VanDerBrink Auctions. 9:30am, Montgomery County Fairgrounds. Approximately 80 American muscle cars. www.VanDerBrinkauctions.

Sep 20 WI. Wautoma. Yoder Collector Car 5549, Cell 920-295-2644

Auto Auction. Saratoga Automobile Museum. 518-587-1935, www.saratogaauto-

weiser Events Center - 5290 Arena Circle. 266-9561, www.specialtyauction.com

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Sep 20-21 NY, Saratoga Springs. Saratoga

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Sep 21-22 M0, Cape Girardeau. Van Der Brink Auctions, Shadow Rest School, 232 Sierra Ridge. 9am both days. Gas and oil collectibles, collector cars, gas engines, parts. www.VanDerBrinkauctions.com

Sep 27 NC, Concord. 19th Annual Fall Auction. Cabers County Arena & Event Center. 150 Carolina vehicles. www. tommackauctions.com 803-364-3322 or 704-400-1127

Sept 28 TN, Nashville. 50th Semi-Annual Music City Classic Collector Car Auction. Call George Eber 615-496-2277. www. southernclassicauctions.com

Sep 29 NJ, Howell Township. John Blewett Collection. 246 Herbertsville Road. 9am. 315-633-2944, 315-633-2944, www. lyonauction.com

#### **OCTOBER**

Oct 5 NY, Roslyn. RAND Luxury Motorcar Auction, Nassau County Museum of Art, 1 Museum Dr, Roslyn NY, 11576. Registration: 95\$. 212-655-4505, BRand@ RandLuxury.com, https://randluxury.com/ event/rand-luxury-motorcar-auction/

Oct 17-19 MN, Winona. SG Auction Classic, Antique & Collector Car Auction. 601 E. Main. 507-498-9000, sgauction.net

Oct 18-19 MO, Branson. The Branson Auction. Branson Convention Center. 800-335-3063, www.bransonauction.com





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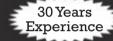
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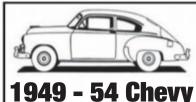
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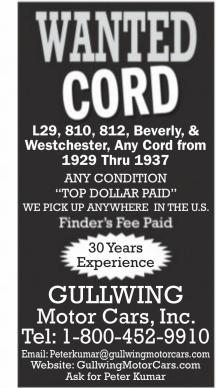
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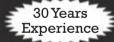
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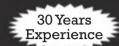
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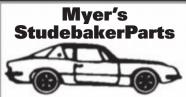


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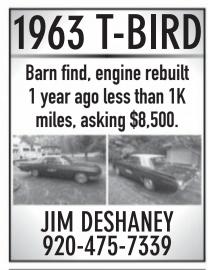
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arn find," "survivor" and "nut-and-bolt restoration" are some of today's hottest hobby buzz words and phrases, and Les Baer's 1970 Boss 302 may be the first and only car in which all of those words apply at once. After all, how can a barn find receive a nut-and-bolt restoration and still be a survivor? Such is the curious story of this righteous Boss.

The story starts on Nov. 21, 1969, when Baer's Boss 302 rolled off Ford's Dearborn assembly plant wearing Calypso Coral paint with a Vermilion Red bucket seat interior. Of the 7014 1970 Boss 302s built, just 575 were painted that color, and only 78 had the Vermilion Red bucket seat interior. From Dearborn, the Boss went to Hinchey Motors in Guymon, a city in the panhandle of Oklahoma. The car made an impression on the locals, some of whom still

remember when the Calypso Coral Boss 302 came rolling in on the transport truck. It was a pretty loaded example: Magnum 500 wheels rarely seen on Boss 302 models; a close-ratio fourspeed; rear window sports slats and rear spoiler; Shaker hood scoop; a tachome-

ter; and front bumper guards. Local history says that the first owner of the Boss was so unhappy that the car arrived with the Vermilion Red interior instead of the black interior he ordered that he traded it off by 1972. In that short time, he barely drove the car because of his



It's hard to believe this Boss 302 survived Texas dirt, drag racing and a fire to remain this remarkably well-preserved state.

disappointment.

Blane Eubank's cousin, Dwight Eubank, swooped in when the car landed back on a dealership lot in 1972 — this time on the Texas panhandle — and bought it for himself. According to Blane, Dwight street drove the car for a bit before taking it to the track.

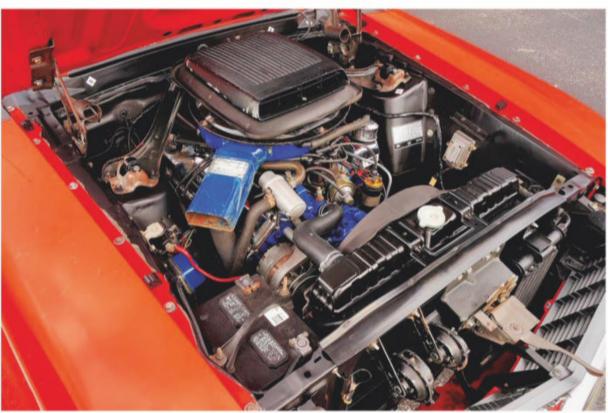
"He drove it just for the first couple of years, and then he was always interested in drag racing and he drag raced it at Amarillo and just different places around," Blane recalled.

Blane was enamored with the car himself and kept track of it all through the 1970s and into the 1980s, when Dwight blew the motor and parked it.

"I think he just ran out of money and he started having kids and stuff and it got put aside and he just never got back to the car," Blane said.

Even with a bad motor, the Boss didn't lose its luster to Blane, who had taken a shine to the car way back when his cousin bought it. Knowing the Boss has become lame, and his cousin wasn't doing anything with it, Blane began the slow and tedious process of making it his.

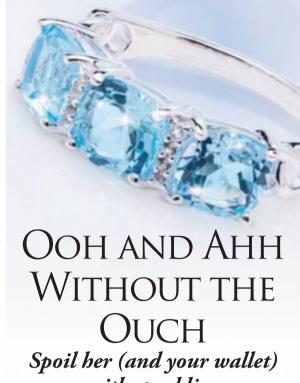
"I started calling him sometime in the late 1980s and was just pretty persistent and called him for several, several years," Blane said. "He told me the car would never be for sale. But I would call



The original drivetrain had been removed when the engine blew around 30,000 miles, but it was rebuildable and all of the accessories were put back in place.



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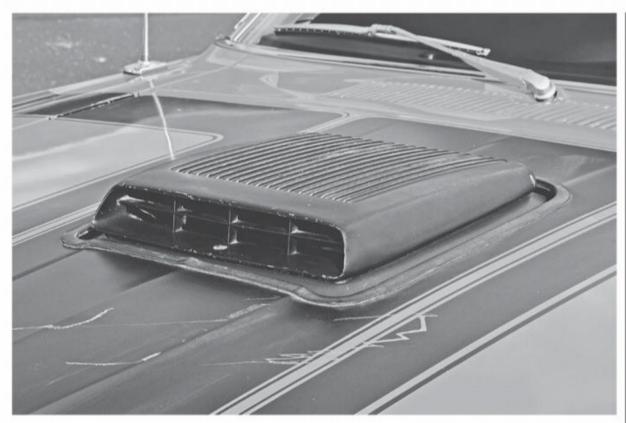




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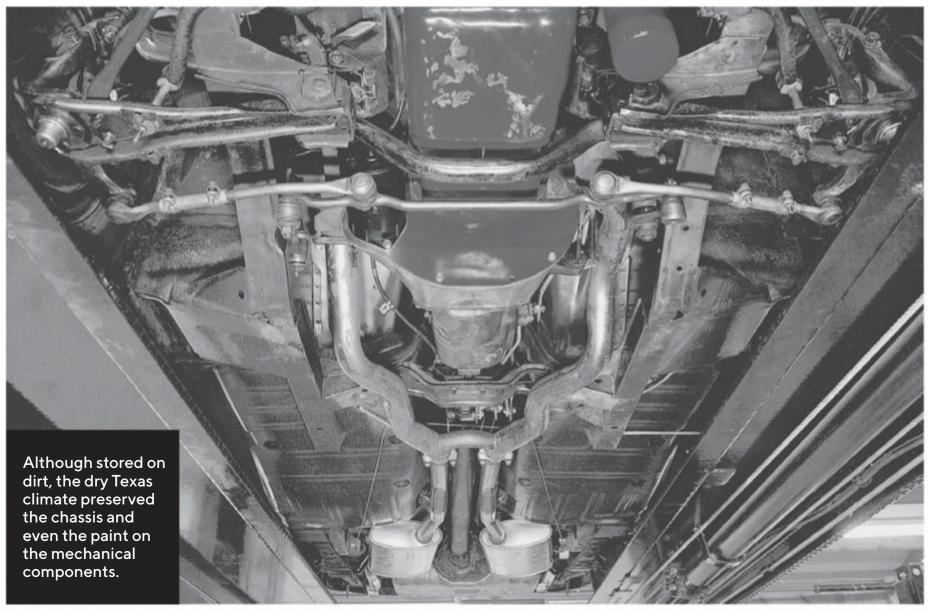
By this time, the Boss 302 didn't look like it did back in 1972 when Dwight had bought it. In the interest of speed, Dwight had begun removing parts to save weight, including the whole interior. Luckily, any modifications he had performed were simple bolt-on additions, and he had saved every part he removed. Because the first

owner hadn't driven it long, and because Dwight put many of the miles he drove it just one quarter-mile at a time, the Boss had just 30-some thousand miles when it was parked. That was the good news. The bad news was that the parts were haphazardly strewn about the barn and mixed among parts from other cars, trucks and even airplanes.

Although he was already a Mustang owner, Blane reached out to Mustang restoration guru Jason Billups in search of some guidance about his pending purchase. Blane found that putting a price on such a desirable but disassembled pony car was difficult, and he wanted an expert opinion. When Blane told Jason the price, Jason said, "If you don't buy it, I will."

While Blane had grown up digging Mustangs and admiring Shelbys and Bosses, he didn't feel comfortable excavating the Boss 302 and its parts on his own. Since Jason and the whole Billups team at Billups Classic Cars in Colcord, Okla., had been pitched to Blane as the go-to folks for Shelbys, Bosses and other hi-po Fords, Blane asked Jason to accompany him to the barn where the Boss was stored.

When they arrived at Dwight's barn,



the men studied the dirty Boss, taking note of the solid body; the dry Texas earth had been kind to the Boss's metal. Blane and Jason worked out a deal where Jason would use his expert eye to sift through the barn and retrieve every Boss 302 part he could find.

"I went through the barn and found the original engine," Jason said. "He didn't know that was there. I also found the original transmission. It still had the original paint, and he pulled the interior, but luckily, he saved it all.

"There was stuff buried — all kinds of stuff," Jason said. "It was a dirt floor barn. The transmission was just an empty case. He had put a big top loader in it just because it was stronger for drag racing. We pulled the original gears out of the dirt floor barn. I found all of the gears, but they were rough.

"He hired me to gather the parts and look what was right with the car and that's what I did."

A previous fire in the barn where the Boss 302 had been stored only made Jason's task more difficult. While the Boss hadn't burned, it did have to be moved from the barn following the blaze. That meant the Boss became farther separated from some of its components. However, Jason found all but a couple minor parts in the dirt and under the dust. When Jason looked at the dry car and its pile of parts, he realized the rather unusual car was very complete, very original, and in very good condition, and it deserved something different than a restoration.

"When Blane bought the car, he thought it would probably need to be restored, but with the parts available to us and the experience that we have, I thought the paint was good enough on the car that I thought it would be a shame to repaint it," Jason said. He said he told Blane that, "when the car is finished, I think it would have more value as a survivor car than a restored car."

Once the car was out of the barn and washed, Blane and his wife Doris truly saw what Jason had seen in the car's condition, and they decided to go for preservation.

Jason and his brother Scott at Billups Classic Cars completed what they consider a "clean up," not a restoration. They put the car on a rotisserie, removed its suspension and steam cleaned off all of that Texas dirt from the top and

bottom of the car, revealing many of the original factory paint and chalk markings. As pictures show, the Calypso Coral paint came out remarkably well; ditto for the Ford Blue engine components, and very little paint touch-up had to be performed on the car's top or bottom. All of the original interior but the headliner was simply cleaned and reinstalled.

"The car was in just such good shape," Blane said. "It was just a beautiful car. The drag racing took its toll in certain ways, but it also preserved it because it wasn't on the highway. The miles were just one quarter mile at a time. Even though [racing] was hard on the [drivetrain], it preserved the physicalness of the car."

loved the car, but it made them nervous to run it on the road.

"My intentions were to keep the car, but we just got so much in it that I didn't feel comfortable having that much money tied up in a car and not being able to drive it," Blane said. "I thought if we found a buyer that would be fine, but if we didn't that would be fine."

That's where Les Baer came onto the scene. Baer already had several Shelby and Boss Mustangs in his collection, including three other 302s. The survivor-quality Boss 302 appealed to him because he figured it was one he could drive rather than worry about paint chips and dirt on a completely restored example.

"To be honest, I wasn't even looking



While the body and interior only needed to be cleaned and reassembled, the drivetrain was another story. Jason installed all-new parts inside the transmission and went through the rest of the drivetrain, with exception to the engine. That task was entrusted to his father Gerald, who re-sleeved the bad cylinder in the 302 that originally took it off the road and landed it in the barn.

Given Jason and Scott's extensive experience with high-end high-performance Mustangs, they also knew where every correct bolt should go on the car and were able to put the Boss 302's original parts right back where Ford originally installed them.

Once the Boss 302 was finally reassembled, Blane and Doris realized they

The engine, transmission, hood and interior from the Boss 302 were scattered around the barn when the Boss was finally retrieved, but the rest of the car remained intact.

for one until Jason Billups called me," he said. "I like them all pretty and restored and stuff and he said, 'This ain't like that, but it's all there."

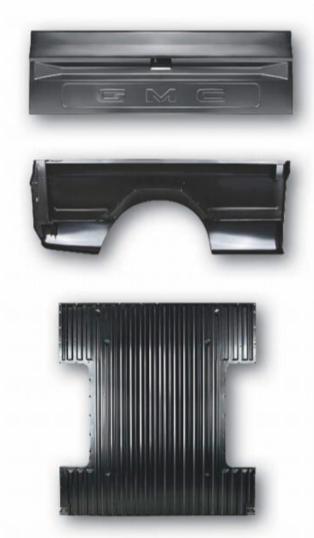
Baer said there are imperfections in the car due to its age and originality, but the solid condition of the metal and the rarity of the car — it's one of very few Boss 302s with the 4.30:1 Traction Lok rear and the Vermilion Red interior — makes it appealing to own and to drive.

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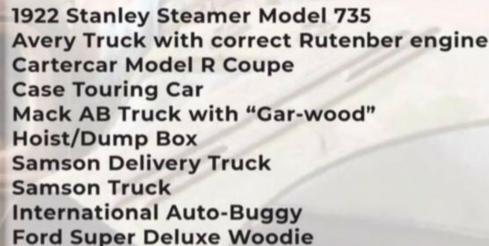
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